



IRU Statement on Recent Allegations

15 April 2016

Serious allegations have been made against IRU and its Secretary General, Umberto de Pretto, and Chief Operating Officer, Boris Blanche.

IRU strongly and categorically rejects all of these unfounded allegations. IRU works in full compliance with the law and all funds are fully accounted for.

IRU takes these allegations extremely seriously and is currently assessing all legal options. IRU is particularly concerned about how these allegations could damage the organisation, its members, partners and dedicated staff.

Coming on the eve of IRU's General Assembly, held on 8 April 2016, these allegations were discussed by IRU members at that meeting. The audited 2015 accounts were subsequently approved and the meeting concluded with a large majority of members continuing to fully support the Secretary General and his staff. IRU welcomes the fact that the Board will oversee an additional independent external audit in order to help clear these allegations as quickly as possible.

IRU understands that a file has been submitted to the Geneva State Prosecutor's Office, and stands ready to collaborate with the Swiss authorities to bring this matter to a close.

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