MH 17 - UKRAINE

On 17th July EUROCONTROL was informed that Malaysia Airlines Flight MH 17 en route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur crashed in the eastern part of Ukraine.

According to information with EUROCONTROL the aircraft was flying at Flight Level 330 (approximately 10,000 metres/33,000 feet) when it disappeared from the radar. This route had been closed by the Ukrainian authorities from ground to flight level 320 but was open at the level at which the aircraft was flying.

Since the crash, the Ukrainian authorities have informed EUROCONTROL of the closure of routes from the ground to unlimited in Eastern Ukraine (Dnipropetrovsk Flight Information Region).

All flight plans that are filed using these routes are now being rejected by EUROCONTROL. The routes will remain closed until further notice, it is understood.

Finally, EUROCONTROL advised that the European Aviation Crisis Coordination Cell is being activated to co-ordinate the response to the impact of the airspace closure.