

UN chief deeply saddened by tragic plane accident in Russia

11 February 2018 – United Nations [Secretary-General](#) António Guterres on Sunday expressed deep sadness at the plane accident in the Moscow region, Russia, in which all passengers and crew are reported to have died.

In a [statement](#) attributable to his spokesperson, the Secretary-General conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims and to the people and Government of Russian Federation.

According to reports, the aircraft lost contact shortly after take-off from an airport in Moscow and crashed near a village about 80 kilometres (50 miles) south-east of the city.

There were 65 passengers and six crew on board the airplane.