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Subject: Termination of the Targeted Exemptions (TE) system

Action required: a) note the information; b) inform ICAO of any immediate need to continue to issue and publish targeted exemptions due to restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to refer to the Targeted Exemptions (TE) system, established on 1 April 2021 by State letter AN 11/55-21/27. This system was developed to assist States by providing a structured approach to the notification and dissemination of temporary exemptions to specific Standards relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing another State to determine acceptability of a TE based on comprehensive information collected in a standardized format, and facilitating foreign operator inspections as necessary.

2. As COVID-19 pandemic related restrictions are diminishing around the world, the number of TEs filed has steadily decreased. No new TEs have been received since 21 December 2022, and the last active TEs expired on 31 March 2023. It is anticipated that States no longer need to grant exemptions from their regulations. All operations should now be in compliance with applicable Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).

3. As described in State letter AN 11/55-21/27, a transition period of three months was established prior to closing the TE system. In this regard, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) anticipates closing the TE system with effect from **11 August 2023**. Any State having a valid reason to continue to issue COVID-19 pandemic related TEs should notify ICAO immediately and file the required documentation. In the event that no such correspondence is received, the TE system will be closed on the aforementioned date.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Juan Carlos Salazar
Secretary General