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Subject: COM Co-ordination Meeting New Delhi, India, 16 – 17 December 2014

Action Required: Confirm participation of the Meeting

by 09 December 2014

Sir/Madam,

I have the honor to invite your Administration to participate in a COM Co-ordination Meeting to be held in New Delhi, India from 16 to 17 December 2014. The venue of the meeting is Board Room (Old), 3rd Floor, Block – A, Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, Airports Authority of India, Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi -110 003, India. The meeting will be hosted by Airports Authority of India (AAI).

The objective of the meeting is to discuss Aeronautical Fixed Service issues between Afghanistan/Pakistan/India/IR. of Iran and develop a harmonized remedial action plan to the identified air navigation deficiency.

APANPIRG/22 Meeting (September 2011) noted the issue of lack of reliable communication infrastructure between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Existing VSAT communications links had been out of service in early September 2011 which resulted in an air navigation deficiency between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Recognizing the need to harmonize the efforts by the Administrations in recovering the existing VSAT communications links and identify an appropriate and practical alternate solution for data and ATS direct speech communications between the States, a COM coordination meeting was held in June 2012 and action plan was developed. The meeting in India will be a follow-up meeting to review and action plans agreed at the June 2012 meeting.

Provisional Agenda and Nomination Form are attached in Attachments A and B respectively. The meeting will start at 0900 hours on 16 December 2014. A list of hotels provided in the Attachment C is the recommended hotels for the participants of the meeting. Participants are expected to make their hotel booking directly with hotels. In order to receive the discounted rate, it is suggested to mention "Airport Authority of India Guest" while booking for these hotels. Participants are also requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from airport to hotel as well as from hotels to the venue of the meeting. Participants may wish to contact Mr. Nikhil Ranjan Das, General Manager (COM), AAI for any assistance at Telefax +91 11 24620287 or E-mail: gmcomchq@aai.aero.

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I shall be grateful if participation by your Administration at the Meeting is confirmed by returning the completed Nomination Form, provided at Attachment B to this letter, at your earliest convenience, preferably before 9. December 2014. Administrations are requested to submit contribution papers on any of the agenda items to the Secretariat via e-mail APAC@icao.int with a copy to pli@icao.int before 9 December 2014.

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

Arun Mishra Regional Director

ATTACHMENT A

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION ASIA AND PACIFIC OFFICE

COM CO-ORDINATION MEETING

(Delhi, India, 16-17 December 2014)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1:	Review outcome of relevant meetings
Agenda Item 2:	Review of AFS communication requirements between Afghanistan/Pakistan, Afghanistan/IR. of Iran and India/Pakistan.
Agenda Item 3:	Review the current circuit performance and operational status of AFS communications between States and review status of alternate routing arrangement for AFTN circuit between Karachi and Kabul
Agenda Item 4:	Review the action plans of COM Coordination meeting held in June 2012 in particular for the recovery of VSAT communication between States
Agenda item 5:	To be briefed the current surveillance and air/ground communication capability in Afghanistan airspace.
Agenda Item 6:	Develop and update remedial action plan
Agenda Item 7:	Any other business