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16 February 2015

Subject: Invitation to attend the Third Meeting of the Ad Hoc
Afghanistan Contingency Group (AHACG/3)
(11 – 14 May 2015, Oman)

Action required: To reply by 24 April 2015

Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, the Ad Hoc Afghanistan Contingency Group (AHACG) has been discussing the effective transition from military to civilian control of the Air Navigation Services within the Kabul Flight Information Region (FIR), as well as the contingency planning aspects in order to support the major traffic flows between Europe and Asia through the Kabul FIR and the adjacent airspace.

Therefore, we are pleased to invite your Administration to attend the Third Meeting of the Ad Hoc Afghanistan Contingency Group (AHACG/3) in Oman, from **Monday 11 May** until **Thursday 14 May 2015**. We are grateful that the meeting will be hosted by the Public Authority for Civil Aviation (PACA), Oman.

It is imperative that key parties continue to develop contingency plans and options. In this regard, we recall that the AHACG/2 meeting (Istanbul, Turkey, 17-19 November 2014) agreed that Afghanistan, India, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey would provide the ICAO Regional Office accredited to the State with plans for the contingency arrangements that will be necessary for any degradation in air navigation services within the Kabul FIR by **01 February 2015**. Moreover, the AHACG/2 task required the contingency planning to be accompanied with a safety case and security case assessment of any potential risks.

In addition the High Level Meeting on Afghanistan Airspace Contingency Planning (HLAACP, Hong Kong SAR, China, 24-28 November 2014) agreed on the need for an inter-regional contingency plan in case of disruption of services in the Afghanistan airspace, which should be discussed and adopted by all relevant stakeholders at this AHACG/3 meeting.

A Meeting Bulletin will be available on the ICAO APAC website at <http://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings> and circulated to all registered participants, as well as to past participants from the AHACG/2 Meeting in due course.

I would appreciate your urgent confirmation of participation not later than **Friday 24 April 2015**. Please note that the meeting will discuss technical and operational matters; accordingly, I would be grateful if you could ensure that your delegation be briefed on or possess sufficient knowledge of ATS routes, ANS aspects (especially sector capacity, CNS infrastructure) and contingency procedures to allow an effective development and adoption of the contingency arrangements.

It is strongly recommended that parties submit papers to the meeting, which should be received by **no later than two weeks prior to the meeting date**, via email to the Regional Office. ICAO uses a 'paperless' meeting environment with increasing use of electronic media for the distribution of meeting papers and reports; therefore, delegates should obtain copies of meeting materials from the website of the Asia/Pacific Regional office at <http://www.icao.int/APAC> prior to the commencement of the meeting. In the event that papers are received after **Friday 24 April 2015**, these may be treated as a flimsy.

Enclosed herewith are the Provisional Agenda of AHACG/3 (**Attachment A**) and Provisional Agenda AHACG/3 (**Attachment B**).

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Aran Mishra
Regional Director

Attachments:

- A — Tentative AHACG/3 Agenda
- B — Registration Form

To be distributed to:

APAC Office: Afghanistan, China, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand, USA, IFATCA, IFALPA, IATA, IBAC;

EUR/NAT Office: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkey, NATO, EUROCONTROL;

MID Office: I.R. Iran; Oman

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**THE THIRD MEETING OF AD HOC AFGHANISTAN CONTINGENCY GROUP MEETING
(AHACG/3)**

(11 – 14 May 2015, Oman)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1: Adoption of Provisional Agenda
- Agenda Item 2: Afghanistan ATS Status and Capability Building
- Agenda Item 3: Europe-Southeast/South Asia Contingency Planning (scenarios, procedures)
- Agenda Item 4: Civil/Military cooperation, contingency promulgation and implementation (safety cases, security analysis, etc.)
- Agenda Item 5: Next Steps
- Agenda Item 6: Any other business

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**The Third Meeting of Ad hoc Afghanistan Contingency Group (AHACG/3)
(11 – 14 May 2015, Oman)**

REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name in full :

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| Mr. | Mrs. | Ms. | Dr. | Capt. |
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(as should appear in the official listing and name tag)

2. Title or Official Position: _____

3. State/Organization: _____

4. Mailing Address: _____

5. Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____
E-mail: _____

6. Hotel _____

Note 1: Participants are expected to make their own hotel/visa arrangements

**Note 2: Please download meeting materials from the ICAO Asia/Pacific website
(<http://www.icao.int/APAC>) prior to the meeting.**

Date Signature

After completing, please send to: apac@icao.int or the ICAO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific,
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