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**Subject**: Establishment of a Task Force to study the feasibility of the setting up of an APAC Civil Aviation Commission

Action Required: Reply at your earliest convenience, preferably not later than 20 March 2015

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the proceedings of the 51<sup>st</sup> DGCA Conference held in Hong Kong China from 24 to 27 November 2014. The Final Report of the Conference is available at <a href="http://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/DGCA51.aspx">http://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/DGCA51.aspx</a>. I wish to recall that during the closing session of the Conference the Deputy Administrator, Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) highlighted the fact that the immense growth of air traffic in the region was driven by the growing economies & tourism which justified the need for a suitable framework within which the Director Generals of the Civil Aviation Authorities could discuss and plan all the necessary measures for cooperation and coordination of civil aviation activities for the orderly development and most effective use of air transport within, to and from Asia/Pacific.

To address this CAAC mooted the proposal for the establishment of an APAC Civil Aviation Commission on the lines of African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC), European Civil Aviation Commission (ECAC) and Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) and proposed the establishment of a Task Force comprising of Director Generals of Civil Aviation and/or nominated Experts, which would examine the feasibility for setting up of the APAC Civil Aviation Commission. Australia, Hong Kong China, Macao China, India, Indonesia and New Zealand supported the establishment of a Task Force.

Having said the above I propose the setting up of a Task Force and appreciate your participation as a Task Force member along with your experts. The Task Force would work primarily through electronic (email/skype) communication. However to kick start the process I would propose the first meeting to be a face to face meeting to be held in Bangkok sometime during second half of May 2015 in order to draft the TOR and develop a work plan with timelines.

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I will be grateful to have your reply along with the nominations from your State at the earliest convenient date preferably not later than 20 March 2015.

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

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