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SOUTH AFRICAN RVSM NATIONAL PROGRAM MANAGER AND ICAO TAG POINT OF CONTACT

The Special AFI Regional Air Navigation Meeting (SP AFI RAN) held in Durban South Africa between 24 to 29 November 2008 formulated two Recommendations, 6/7 and 6/8, concerning the establishment of the ICAO Tactical Action Group (TAG), and Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) monitoring and follow-up activities, respectively. The text of the two Recommendations is reflected hereunder.

Recommendation 6/7 – Establishment of a Tactical Action Group (TAG)

That:

a) a Tactical Action Group be created in the AFI Region with the Terms of Reference and Work Programme outlined in Appendix C to the Report on Agenda Item 6; and

b) *States as a matter of priority make all efforts to assist and comply with requests from the TAG group."*

Recommendation 6/8 — Reduced vertical separation minimum (RVSM) monitoring and follow-up activities

That AFI States support:

a) the long-term submission of State RVSM operationally approved aircraft to the AFI Regional Monitoring Agency (ARMA);
b) provision of long-term support to the AFI height monitoring programme;
c) long-term collection of safety assessment data;
d) the availability of personnel to fulfil the role of RVSM National Programme Managers;
e) the establishment of the ARMA scrutiny group in 2009; and
f) Measures to reduce the large number of horizontal incidents in the AFI Region.

With respect to Recommendation 6/7, please note that at its first meeting in Dakar, Senegal, 15 to 16 May, 2009, the TAG agreed that in the interest of the effectiveness of the Group, the core members would comprise of Kenya, Nigeria, ATNS, ARMA, ASECNA, IATA, IFALPA, IFATCA, and representatives from the ICAO Regional and Headquarters' offices.

In this context it was requested that the above mentioned States and Organisations nominate a TAG Point of Contact (POC), *inter alia*, for the purposes of reporting, coordination and follow up of issues arising from within the functions of TAG and keep the appointment current.

With regard to Recommendation 6/8, your attention is invited more specifically to item d) of the Recommendation, "*the availability of personnel to fulfil the role of RVSM National Programme Managers*." The ARMA, as you may be aware requires the on-going availability of RVSM National Program Managers (NPM) in order to successfully manage the Key Performance Areas assigned to it. Moreover, it is imperative that the NPMs should at least have the mandate from their respective civil aviation authorities, to execute the tasks reflected in **Attachment A** of this circular.

It should be noted that South Africa has appointed Mr Jeoffrey Matshoba two both positions, SA NPM and ICAO TAG member, as from November 2013. Mr Matshoba can be contacted as follows:

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