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Subject: Invitation to the Eighth Meeting of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation Asia Pacific (CAPSCA-AP/08) and the Sixth Meeting of the CAPSCA Global Programme Coordination (CAPSCA GLOBAL/06) (Bangkok, Thailand, 15 – 18 November 2016)

Action required: Please reply no later than 21 October 2016

Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure in inviting your State/Administration/Organization to attend the Eighth Meeting of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation Asia Pacific (CAPSCA-AP/08) and the Sixth Meeting of the CAPSCA Global Programme Coordination (CAPSCA GLOBAL/06), which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 15 – 18 November 2016. The meeting has been organized in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and is hosted by the ICAO Asia and Pacific Office.

Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate in this meeting. It is strongly recommended that your delegation to the meeting includes *Officers from Civil Aviation Regulatory Authorities, Public Health Authorities, Airports, Airlines, Air Navigation Service Providers and other Stakeholders* who have an interest in preparedness planning in the aviation sector in the Asia Pacific region and Globally. Accordingly, please forward this invitation to the relevant Stakeholders.

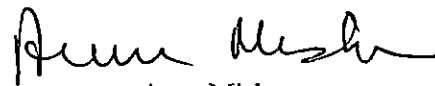
CAPSCA is a global, collaborative arrangement between International Organizations, including ACI, IATA, ICAO, UNWTO, WFP, WHO, etc. It aims to improve the preparedness planning of States for managing public health emergencies involving the aviation sector. The 8th CAPSCA-AP Meeting and the 6th CAPSCA Global Programme Coordination Meeting aims to build upon this success by bringing together, aviation and public health sector stakeholders, to facilitate further collaboration to mitigate the risks from public health emergencies or potential emergencies that can arise from communicable diseases that can affect human health and disrupt aviation. For instance, recent outbreaks of Zika Virus and avian influenza indicate the Asia-Pacific region remains very sensitive to possible emergence of novel infectious agents. Further information on the CAPSCA programme objectives is available on the CAPSCA Website: www.capsca.org.

To date, twenty-one States from the Asia-Pacific region have enrolled in the CAPSCA Asia-Pacific Programme and we are strongly encouraging others to join. There is no membership fee and States can join simply by expressing their wish to join CAPSCA addressed to this office, attention of Dr. Punya Raj Shakya, CAPSCA Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator (pshakya@icao.int).

In addition to providing seminars and workshops on preparedness planning in the aviation sector, CAPSCA also arranges 'assistance visits' (AV) to States and their international airports on a cost recovery basis. These visits by a team of aviation and public health experts (called Technical Advisors) facilitate local training for aviation and public health officers and improvements/developments of preparedness plans. The CAPSCA meeting will also address experiences, methodology and guidelines for CAPSCA State and airport assistance visits as well as measures to strengthen communications and coordination between public health institutions and the aviation sector.

Included for your action are the Provisional Agenda of the meeting (Attachment A), the Attendance Notification Form (Attachment B) and the Bulletin (Attachment C). Should your State/Administration/Organization wish to submit a discussion paper, provide a CAPSCA related presentation or share your experiences with the Meeting, please advise us as soon as possible to enable its inclusion in the agenda/programme. In order to facilitate the necessary administrative arrangements, you are requested to complete the Attendance Notification Form and submit to the ICAO Asia and Pacific Office by fax: +662 537-8199 or email: APAC@icao.int no later than **21 October 2016**.

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



Arun Mishra
Regional Director

Enclosures:

- A – Provisional Agenda
- B – Attendance Notification Form
- C – Meeting Bulletin
- List of recommended hotels