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Subject: Twentieth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/20) (Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire, 30 November - 2 December 2015)

Action Required: Reply to confirm participation not later than 30 October 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. I wish to inform you that the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) will hold its twentieth meeting (APIRG/20) **from 30 November to 2 December 2015** in Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire.
2. The tentative Agenda and explanatory notes for the meeting are at **Attachments A1 and A2** to this letter. An information bulletin with the specific venue for the meeting and a list of suggested hotels will be provided in due course. The meeting will be conducted in English and French and documentation issued in the same languages. Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate at this meeting.
3. As you may recall, the APIRG/19 Meeting formulated a number of Conclusions and Decisions which are contained in its report. The report of that meeting was forwarded to you by the ICAO Regional Offices, and the same can be downloaded from the ICAO public websites (<http://www.icao.int/esaf> and <http://www.icao.int/wacaf>). Subsequently, various actions were taken by the Air Navigation Commission (ANC). Therefore, as part of the Agenda, the APIRG/20 meeting will review and consider the status of implementation of APIRG/19 Conclusions and Decisions as well as outstanding Conclusions and Decisions of APIRG.
4. The APIRG/20 meeting is also expected to review the status of implementation of the Air Navigation Implementation Plan for the AFI Region, which was adopted by the APIRG/19 Meeting under its Decision 19/06 (Adoption of AFI Regional Air Navigation System Implementation Plan aligned with the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades).
5. Documentation for the meeting is being prepared based on reports of APIRG subsidiary bodies (namely AOP, ATM/AIM/SAR, CNS and MET Sub-groups), and will be posted on the ICAO public websites (<http://www.icao.int/esaf> and <http://www.icao.int/wacaf>). The Sub-groups will particularly report on the following among other relevant issues pertaining to their respective areas:

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- a) Status of implementation of sub-group work programmes and related task forces/working groups as assigned by APIRG;
- b) Linkage of sub-group work programmes with ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades Modules (Block 0) and Regional Performance Objectives;
- c) Identification and Development of Projects based on ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades Modules (Block 0) and Regional Performance Objectives; and
- d) Review of the New Air Navigation Plan (eANP) Structure and Development of Draft Material for endorsement by APIRG.

6. Taking into account the outcome of the APIRG Extraordinary Meeting (APIRG/EO, Lusaka, Zambia, 10-11 July 2014), the APIRG/20 meeting will particularly review and establish implementation actions for its new structure and working methods. The report of the APIRG/EO meeting was also forwarded to you by the ICAO Regional Offices, and can be downloaded from the ICAO public websites (<http://www.icao.int/esaf> and <http://www.icao.int/wacaf>). As will be noted, the report provides, inter alia, detailed information on the criteria and modalities established for the designation of States' officials to support APIRG new contributory bodies.

7. Your State/Organization is encouraged to contribute to the deliberations of the APIRG/20 meeting with working and information papers (WPs/IPs) on the issues reflected in the tentative agenda of the meeting. In order to facilitate preparations for the meeting, the papers should be forwarded to the Secretariat by e-mail to the following address: icaoesaf@icao.int, and copy to icaowacaf@icao.int **not later than 30 October 2015** and, where possible, be in both English and French languages. In accordance with the APIRG Decision 11/23, Working Papers received after the above date will be distributed only in the language in which they are received, without translation. Hard copy (paper) documents will not be provided at the meeting. Accordingly, it is important for delegates to bring along computer equipment to enable them to access documentation and to participate effectively in the meeting.

8. Please be informed that the APIRG/20 meeting will be held back to back with the Third meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/3), scheduled for **3 to 4 December 2015**.

9. Kindly advise us of your Administration's/Organization's intention to participate at the APIRG/20 meeting as soon as possible but in any case not later than **30 October 2015**, giving the names and functions of your participant(s) by completing and returning the attached Registration Form provided in **Attachment B** to this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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and Secretary of the APIRG

Attachments: A1 : Tentative Agenda
A2 : Explanatory Notes on the Tentative Agenda
B : Registration Form