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Subject: Action Items required for Implementation of Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) in AFI Region

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to draw your attention to APIRG/14 meeting held in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 23 to 27 June 2003. APIRG/14 Conclusion 14/21 *inter alia* advocated as follows:

Conclusion 14/21: Implementation of RVSM in the AFI Region:

That:

States do their utmost to implement RVSM in selected airspaces, as per plan by AIRAC cycle date of 20 January 2005 concurrently with the CAR/SAM Region

You may be aware that, non-RVSM aircraft will not necessarily be authorized to enter RVSM airspace and this will result in economic penalties for operators concerned. In order to meet the target date of **20 January 2005**, you are urged to take appropriate action to meet identified target dates to ensure successful implementation of RVSM in the AFI Region. The following items require immediate action:

- (a) Implementation of State RVSM approval process for aircraft and operators;
- (b) Nomination of National RVSM Program Managers;
- (c) Implementation of National RVSM Plans;
- (d) Implementation of National ATS Manuals;
- (e) Training of ATCOs;

- (f) Implementation of National Safety Plan;
- (g) Operator RVSM Readiness Assessment Survey; and
- (h) Publication of National AICs to advise airspace users of RVSM Implementation Date.
- (i) Action Plan for Implementation of RVSM in the AFI Region.

Please note that copies of RVSM documents can be found on the ICAO RVSM website www.icao.int/esaf/.

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

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Regional Director

