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Subject: Aviation Security (AVSEC) National Inspectors Course
ASTC Johannesburg, South Africa, 9 to 17 February 2010

Action required: Reply by 21 December 2009

Sir / Madam,

As part of the proactive position adopted by ICAO to strengthen aviation security worldwide, a comprehensive Plan of Action has been developed. This Plan has been approved by the ICAO Council with the highest priority; however, its success requires an intensive and continuous commitment from Contracting States to ensure the achievement of concrete results within an acceptable time-frame. An important component of the Plan of Action relates to training activities, which are designed to assist States in remediating Annex 17—Security deficiencies.

I wish to inform you that an Aviation Security (AVSEC) National Inspectors Course will be held at the ICAO Regional Training Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa, from 9 to 17 February 2010.

The course has been developed to provide aviation security personnel with the knowledge and skills to enable them to plan, coordinate and conduct quality control measures within their States’ airports utilizing Annex 17—Security and ICAO methodology in accordance with approved programmes. Candidates at the senior to middle management level within a State’s authority charged with approval and/or quality control duties and who are also experienced in operational aviation security (AVSEC) matters will be given priority for this training activity. Furthermore, it is desirable that candidates should have already attended a specialized AVSEC training activity such as the Management Course or the National Quality Control Programme Workshop.

The course requires students to successfully pass a mastery examination based on ICAO Annex 17, the Security Manual for Safeguarding Civil Aviation Against Acts of Unlawful Interference (Doc 8973 Restricted) and materials presented during the course. As this is a “Pass/Fail” course, students must successfully pass the mastery examination in order to receive a Certificate of Completion. All others shall receive a Certificate of Attendance.

The working language of the course will be English, with no translation or interpretation facilities.

It is intended to charge participants an administration fee of 6,445.00 South African Rand (equivalent to US $800) to cover the basic administration costs of the course. In addition, airfare, hotel and miscellaneous expenses will be met by your administration.
Please be advised that your nominees should be medically fit and should either have medical insurance or medical coverage from your government to meet expenses, if any, towards sickness or a medical emergency during the above programme. ICAO takes no responsibility to meet expenses in this regard.

You are invited to nominate suitable candidates to attend this course on the enclosed nomination form, using one form per candidate. A maximum of two nominees from your State may be selected for this event. Any additional nominations will be placed on a "stand-by" list until all interested States' nominations are received. Once the closing date for nominations has been reached, a review of stand-by nominations will be made if additional seats in the course are available. Candidates from the State's appropriate authority will be given first preference for this course.

Nominations should reach this office by 21 December 2009. For administrative reasons, please be advised that the closing date for nominations will be strictly adhered to. All nomination forms must be fully completed and include the signature of the authorizing authority. Additionally, nomination forms that are not properly completed may result in the candidate not being selected for training. Selection of participants will be undertaken on the basis of qualifications and experience and successful candidates will be notified accordingly. Once selections have been made, should a State wish to withdraw from a course, ICAO or the ASTC must be notified within a reasonable time-frame. Furthermore, any participant who attends training without having been properly nominated and accepted, or who does not attend the entire course, shall not receive a certificate at the end of the training event.

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

Geoffrey P. Mosabesha
Regional Director

Enclosure: Nomination form