Subject: Aviation Security (AVSEC) Cargo and Mail Training Course
ASTC Johannesburg, South Africa, 19 to 23 April 2010

Action required: Reply by 5 March 2010

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) Cargo and Mail Training Course will be held at the ICAO Regional Training Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa, from 19 to 23 April 2010.

The course has been developed to provide selected personnel involved in the handling of cargo, courier and express parcels, mail and company stores, with the knowledge and skills to enable them to apply preventive security measures in accordance with approved aviation security programmes.

The nominees should be senior officials from the appropriate authority for aviation security, other regulatory and control authorities, airport and airline management, and instructional staff who are responsible for air cargo or mail security. This course is particularly aimed at those who will have a direct input in the introduction and operation of the State’s “regulated agent” cargo security system in accordance with Annex 17.

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

It is intended to charge participants an administration fee 3,090.00 South African Rand (ZAR) (equivalent to US $400) 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 5 March 2008. 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. Moshabesha
Regional Director

Enclosure: Nomination form