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Subject: Association of African Aviation Training
Organizations (AATO) Conference
(Nairobi, Kenya, 2-4 April 2012)

Action required: Notify the names of your
representatives not later than **12 March 2012**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that as part of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan), ICAO in cooperation with the aviation regional organizations in the AFI Region is organizing the Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO) Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, from 2 to 4 April 2012 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC), at the kind invitation of the Government of Kenya.

The Conference will be officially opened by Honourable Mr. Amos Kimunya, Minister of Transport, Republic of Kenya and Mr. Raymond Benjamin, the ICAO Secretary General will address the Conference.

The Conference will review and agree on the framework for the creation of the Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO) and deliberate on the constitution of the AATO.

The Conference will also review the status of the implementation of the Action Plan adopted by the Third Pan-African Aviation Training Coordination Conference held in Cape Town, South Africa from 27 to 29 July 2011. It is expected to assess progress made in the implementation of the framework for harmonization of aviation training in Africa in line with the Recommendation 5/8 of the Special AFI Regional Air Navigation Meeting (Durban 2008).

The Conference is targeting high-level and senior managers from Aviation Training Organizations as well as officials with training-related functions from States' Civil Aviation Administrations, Air Navigation Services Providers, Airlines, Airports Operators, Ground Handling Services, Maintenance Organizations, Regional or International Organizations. It will be conducted in English and French.

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You will find attached the provisional agenda of the Conference and the registration form, as well as the draft constitution of AATO. For additional up-to-date information on the event, please log on to the AFI Plan website at <http://www.icao.int/safety/afiplan/Pages/default.aspx>.

I have the pleasure to invite you to participate at this Conference. A registration form for the Conference is attached for each participant to complete and return to us as soon as possible preferably not later than **12 March 2012**.

States Authorities are requested to encourage aviation training organizations under their jurisdiction to participate in this highly important Conference.

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



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Enclosures:

- A. Provisional Agenda
- B. Registration Form
- C. Draft Constitution of AATO