Subject: AFI Seminar/Workshop on Civil/Military Coordination and Cooperation, Niamey, Niger, from 26 to 28 May 2015

Action Required: To reply by 24 April 2015

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the 14th AFI Plan Steering Committee meeting that was held in Montreal, Canada on 24 October 2014 which recommended that an AFI Seminar/Workshop on coordination and Cooperation of Civil/Military be conducted in 2015. I am therefore, pleased to invite your Administration/Organization to this Seminar/Workshop which will be held in Niamey, Niger, from 26 to 28 May 2015.

This Seminar/Workshop is part of a worldwide campaign to foster civil/military cooperation, as recommended by the Global Air Traffic Management Forum on Civil/Military Cooperation (Montreal, Canada, October 2009) and endorsed by the 37th Assembly (October 2010) which formulated Resolution A37-15, Appendix 0: Coordination and Cooperation of Civil/Military air traffic.

The three days Seminar/Workshop will have the following objectives:

a) Building on the Global Air Traffic Management Forum on Civil/Military Cooperation;

b) Optimizing use of the airspace;

c) Improving Civil/Military Cooperation and Coordination; and

d) Impact in the modernization efforts of the States.

The Seminar/Workshop will be conducted in the English and French languages. The participants will be composed of various stakeholders including among others: civil and military authorities; air navigation services providers, air traffic management, civil/military airspace managers, airline operators, and general aviation users. High level civil and military authorities are specifically encouraged to participate in this important event. As communication between States and ICAO is through civil aviation authorities, the latter are requested to inform their military counterparts and coordinate participation of the military officials as part of their (civil aviation) delegation.
The event will consist of presentations on civil/military cooperation, including international standards, States’ experiences (challenges and solutions), recommended practices, explanation of ICAO guidance materials and outcomes of panel discussions. The workshop/seminar sessions will consist of interactive, theoretical and practical activities for the implementation of civil/military cooperation, practical exercises, optimization of the use of the airspace with simulated scenarios, initiatives to improve civil/military cooperation and coordination, as well as interoperability.

The list of topics and activities for the event, detailed work programme as well as the information bulletin providing administrative and other information for participants including the list of hotels in Niamey, Niger will be forwarded in due course.

The use of hard copy (paper) documentation at the Seminar/Workshop will be kept to a minimum, in favour of use of multimedia projections and electronic copies of documents. Accordingly, it is recommended that participants bring along computers (e.g. laptops) to the Seminar/Workshop.

I would appreciate it if you confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization in this Seminar/Workshop at your earliest convenience, preferably before 24 April 2015, by email on: Email: icaoesaf_aflplan@icao.int. The attached registration form is provided for this purpose.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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For Western & Central Africa  
and AFI Plan Secretary

Attachments:  
- Registration form