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Subject: Extraordinary Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Planning and Implementation Regional Group and the Regional Aviation Safety Group for AFI Region (APIRG and RASG AFI/EO) (Nairobi, Kenya, 23-24 April 2020)

Action required: Reply to confirm participation not later than 20 March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration/Organization to participate at the **Extraordinary Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Planning and Implementation Regional Group and the Regional Aviation Safety Group for AFI Region (APIRG and RASG AFI/EO)** which will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from **23 to 24 April 2020**.

As you may recall, the joint plenary meeting of the Twenty Second APIRG and the Fifth RASG-AFI (APIRG/22 & RASG-AFI/5), held in Accra Ghana (29 July to 2 August 2019), formulated **Decision 1/01** which reads as follows:

APIRG/22 & RASG-AFI/5 Decision 1/01: Transition to an integrated approach to PIRGs and RASGs

That the APIRG / RASG-AFI Task Force (ARC-TF):

a) conduct an analysis of the PIRGs/RASGs enhancement strategy addressing organizational challenges, infrastructure, operational risks and performance measurement, and propose the structural changes required for its implementation in the AFI Region; and

b) present the results to an Extraordinary Meeting of APIRG and RASG-AFI to be convened during the first quarter of 2020.

The meeting also noted that the outcome of the Council's review of the Terms of Reference of the PIRGs and RASGs provided were generic and therefore the plenary meeting formulated **Decision 1/03** which reads as follows:

APIRG/22 & RASG-AFI/5 Decision 1/03: Council's review of the Terms of Reference of the PIRGs and RASGs

That: The Secretariat take the necessary steps to update the handbooks and related meeting procedures of APIRG and RASG-AFI based on the Council approved terms of reference, and circulate them to participants by 30 September 2019.

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In view of the above, the Extraordinary Meeting of the APRIG & RAGS-AFI will review the proposals on the structural changes from the ARC –TF as well as the Secretariat's proposed amendments to the handbooks. The Tentative Agenda for the meeting is provided as **Attachment A** to this letter.

The meeting will be conducted in the English and French languages, and documentations issued in both languages. The Information Bulletin providing relevant information to participants and relevant documents for the meeting will be posted on the ICAO ESAF and WACAF websites (<http://www.icao.int/esaf> and <http://icao.int/wacaf>) as soon as they are available.

No working papers in hard copy will be distributed during the meeting. Participants are advised to download the working papers from the websites and bring with them electronic devices to facilitate access to the internet.

I would appreciate it if you could confirm participation of your Administration/Organization to this meeting at your earliest convenience, preferably **not later than 20 March 2020**, giving the names and functions of your participant (s). Online registration will be available on the <http://www.icao.int/ESAF> page.

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

Yours sincerely,



For **Barry Kashambo**
Regional Director

Attachments:

A – Tentative Agenda