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Subject: First Meeting of Deficiency Review Task Force
Bangkok, Thailand, 22 – 23 July 2003

Action Req'd: Reply at your earliest convenience, preferably
before 22 June 2003

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of inviting your Administration to be represented at the First Meeting of the Deficiency Review Task Force of APANPIRG which will be held at the ICAO Regional Office in Bangkok from 22 to 23 July 2003.

The objective of the Meeting is to develop detailed regional procedures for the identification, assessment, reporting, monitoring and elimination of air navigation deficiencies as a supplement to the Uniform Methodology. The Meeting will also review the Terms of Reference as formulated in APANPIRG/13 Decision 13/46 and review the List of Deficiency included as Appendix B to the Report of Agenda Item 4 of APANPIRG/13. The status of resolution of the deficiencies, including any latest developments, will also be discussed.

The composition of the Task Force is to comprise not more than 12 members including the Chairpersons of the three APANPIRG Sub-groups or their nominees. In this regard, in response to my earlier letter ref AGA0116 dated 02 April 2003, I am pleased to inform that Australia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, IFALPA and IFATCA had already nominated members to the Task Force. States and International Organization who had volunteered but have not provided nominations are kindly requested to nominate suitably qualified participants who have direct responsibilities in the identification, assessment, reporting and monitoring of air navigation deficiencies.

The provisional agenda of the Meeting is provided in Attachment 1. A Meeting Bulletin containing useful information to participants is at Attachment 2. The draft Terms of Reference, as agreed by APANPIRG/13 and a copy of the Uniform Methodology for the identification, assessment, reporting and monitoring of the status of air navigation deficiencies that were sent to you vide our letter ref AGA0116 dated 02 April 2003 are also included herewith as Attachment 3 and 4 for your convenience.

Due to the spread of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARs) in some countries in the Asia region, the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), Thailand has imposed several control measures for foreigners and tourists arriving from SARs effected areas. A copy of the provisions stipulated in the MOPH Announcement No. 5/2546, as it currently stands, is included as Attachment 5.

All meeting documentation are available in the ICAO APAC Office web site at www.icao.int/apac under the heading 'Meeting'. Participants wishing to present papers for distribution during the meeting are requested to email them to the Regional Office at icao_apac@bangkok.icao.int.

I shall be grateful if you would send your reply at the earliest convenience, preferably **before 22 June 2003**. I would also appreciate if you would please complete the nomination form in the attached format and send to this Office via fax or email.

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

Original signed by

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