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Subject: **ICAO Seminar for the Americas on Managing Tomorrow's Aviation Security Challenges**
(Merida, Mexico, from 26 to 28 October 2004)

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to inform you that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is organizing a regional seminar for the Americas on Managing Tomorrow's Aviation Security Challenges kindly hosted by Mexico and to be held in the Hotel Fiesta Americana, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, from 26 to 28 October 2004. Please find attached the following for your reference and action:

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2. The seminar is designed to be of interest to representatives from administrations, airports and airline representatives, law enforcement agencies, entities and public or private agencies concerned with aviation security in the North American, Central American, Caribbean and South American (NAM/CAR/SAM) Regions. Your State is cordially invited to participate, and to ensure the widest possible dissemination of the letter of invitation to all entities and organizations, as well as your usual partners who might be interested in participating in this event.

3. Participants in this seminar will be offered a unique opportunity to increase their awareness and improve their knowledge on the status of aviation security in the regions and worldwide. The seminar will allow for an exchange of views between participants and specialists to examine the long-term institutional challenges facing aviation security on a national, regional and international level. Presentations will be made by internationally recognized aviation security specialists from States, concerned international organizations as well as industry representatives and will include the following subjects:

- The ICAO Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP)
- Legislation
- Sky marshals
- Secure travel documents
- Aviation security training
- Threats to civil aviation
- The challenge of new larger aircraft

4. The working languages of the seminar will be English and Spanish.
5. The registration fees in the amount of U.S. \$ 195 for participants representing members of International/Regional Organisations and U.S. \$ 695 for other participants will cover the administrative costs of the seminar. The registration fees are waived for participants representing government entities from the ICAO Contracting States and Territories of the NAM/CAR and SAM regions. Information on the administrative arrangements and the programme of activities will be provided in the seminar brochure, which will be distributed at a later date. Seminar information will also be displayed on the ICAO Aviation Security website <http://www.icao.int/atb/avsec>.
6. Seminar participants are requested to make their own accommodation, travel and visa arrangements. However, any difficulties in relation to accommodation or visas may be forwarded to this Regional Office.

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

Original signed by

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Enclosure:

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