Subject: Multi-crew Pilot Licence (MPL) Symposium
Montréal, 10 to 12 December 2013

Action required: a) Plan for attendance; and
b) disseminate this letter as requested in paragraph 3

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to invite you to participate in a Multi-crew Pilot Licence (MPL) Symposium, which is being convened by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) from 10 to 12 December 2013 in Montréal.

2. The MPL is the first new ICAO licence of its kind in over forty years. It aims at guiding students seamlessly from ab-initio training to airline type rating, using simulation designed for multi-crew training. When MPL was launched seven years ago, ICAO made a commitment to the aviation community to review the concept. As a follow-up, this event is planned with the following topics for discussion: global status of MPL implementation; MPL successes; and challenges. The intended outcome is the initial identification of a work programme to improve upon the existing ICAO Standards and MPL guidance. During the symposium, ICAO will present the results of its proof-of-concept study. The symposium will also provide an important experience-sharing opportunity for rule-making authorities, airlines training organizations, international organizations and other stakeholders. It will include an industry exhibition of current and emerging MPL training devices and programmes.

3. Information related to the symposium will soon be available at [http://www.icao.int/meetings/mpl](http://www.icao.int/meetings/mpl). As this symposium will address subjects of interest to a wide-ranging audience, you are requested to disseminate this information to any organization in your State that may be interested in participating.

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

Raymond Benjamin
Secretary General

Enclosure:
Intended Outcome and Topics for Discussion
ATTACHMENT to State letter AN 12/50-13/36

THE MULTI-CREW PILOT LICENCE (MPL) SYMPOSIUM
ICAO Headquarters, Montréal, Canada
10 to 12 December 2013

INTENDED OUTCOME AND TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Intended outcome:

Identify a work programme needed to support this part of the aviation system:

a) address safety-related benefits of MPL in areas such as upset recovery training, human performance and miscommunications with air traffic control;
b) review the use of flight simulation training devices (FSTD) and their qualification; and
c) identify areas where ICAO provisions should be amended to improve MPL.

Topics for discussion:

1. Assess the global status of MPL implementation:

   a) global implementation status;
   b) MPL development, adoption and implementation;
   c) issues relating to implementation, such as:

      i) instructors selection, training and qualifications for the various training phases;
      ii) screening and selection of MPL candidates;
      iii) flight training schedule and breakdown;
      iv) the platforms and equipment used; and

   d) competency assessment, grading systems, and the learning management systems used.

2. Address MPL successes and challenges:

   a) compare training with non-MPL ab-initio trainees including challenges and merits;
   b) share the experience of approved training organizations (ATO) conducting MPL competency-based programmes;
   c) share the experience of operators associated with an MPL programme;
   d) assess the initial operational experience of graduates on the line, its duration and success rate; and
   e) review the challenges faced by the civil aviation authorities and MPL advisory boards, conducting the oversight of competency-based training programmes.

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