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Subject: First Meeting of the Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group

(AVSEC/FAL/RG) for the NAM/CAR/SAM Regions and ICAO AVSEC Seminar

(Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 10-14 May 2010)

Action

Required: Send registration forms no later than 5 April 2010

Sir,

As you are aware, the Aviation Security Committee (AVSEC/COMM) was separated from the GREPECAS mechanism. Due to the importance of continuing these activities, and as a result of the Conclusions proposed by the AVSEC/COMM/6 and keeping in mind recent events, the new NAM/CAR/SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG) was created.

I have the honor to invite your administration to participate in the First Meeting of the Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group for the ICAO NAM/CAR/SAM Regions (AVSEC/FAL/RG/1), which will be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from 12 to 14 May 2010. You will find the draft agenda attached in **Appendix A** to this letter.

Additionally, I would like to make reference to the attached Declaration (**Appendix B for your reference**), which is the result of the High Level Ministerial Meeting held on 17 February 2010, in Mexico City, that included Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, United States and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Secretary General where many actions were agreed to improve Aviation Security (AVSEC) systems in the Region and also

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to identify ICAO's leadership role in aviation security for the Regions. The AVSEC/FAL Regional Group will be a key mechanism to facilitate these actions.

I also invite you to the ICAO Aviation Security Seminar that will be held prior to and in conjunction with the AVSEC/FAL/RG/1 Meeting from 10 to 11 May 2010; the draft agenda is attached as **Appendix C**. Simultaneous interpretation services in English and Spanish will be provided for this event.

The seminar does not have a registration fee; however, transportation and per diem shall be covered by the respective Administration of each State/Territory or international organization. The registration form for both events is attached as **Appendix D**, which should be completed and returned to this Regional Office no later than **Monday**, **5 April 2010**. The actual venue for these two events and the hotel information will be provided shortly.

In the event that your Administration is not the appropriate aviation security authority in your State, I kindly request that you forward this invitation to the appropriate entity for attendance at both events. I would also like to request that you extend the invitation for the seminar to all aviation security stakeholders in your State.

If you require any further information regarding the meeting or seminar, you may contact the Interim Secretary of the AVSEC/FAL/RG, Mr. Ricardo G. Delgado, Regional Officer, Aviation Security for the NAM/CAR/SAM Regions (rdelgado@mexico.icao.int) or his assistant, Mrs. Laura Flores (lflores@mexico.icao.int).

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

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