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Subject: Regional Aviation Security Conference
Caracas, Venezuela, 7 and 8 February 2012

Action required: Reply by 31 December 2011

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the Declaration on Aviation Security unanimously adopted by the 37th Session of the ICAO Assembly in 2010, which underscored the critical importance of global aviation security, and marks a strong commitment by States to strengthen aviation security through enhanced international cooperation. Shaped by a series of Ministerial-level regional conferences held in 2010, the Declaration identifies key activities requiring proactive and collective action by States.

Recognizing that effective implementation of the Declaration on Aviation Security can be achieved by fostering cooperation at the regional level, ICAO in cooperation with the Instituto Nacional de Aeronáutica Civil (INAC) of Venezuela, will convene a Regional Aviation Security Conference on the Implementation of the ICAO Declaration on Aviation Security in Caracas, Venezuela, on 7 and 8 February 2012. The main objective of this conference is to review present and planned aviation security activities in the ICAO North American, Central American and Caribbean, and South American Regions, since the conclusion of the ICAO Assembly.

The conference will be opened by Gral. Francisco Paz Fleitas, President of INAC. State delegations should be led by the Director General of Civil Aviation and/or the Appropriate Authority responsible for aviation security to facilitate discussions on implementation matters. Presentations will be made by aviation security specialists from States, ICAO and international organizations. A copy of the Assembly Declaration and the agenda for the conference are attached for your information.

To register, please complete and submit the attached registration form. For additional information regarding this conference, please contact the nearest ICAO Regional Office.

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

Raymond Benjamin
Secretary General

Enclosures:

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DECLARATION ON AVIATION SECURITY

The Assembly, *recognizing* the need to strengthen aviation security worldwide, in light of the continuing threat to civil aviation, including the attempted sabotage of Northwest Airlines flight 253 on 25 December 2009; and *acknowledging* the value of the joint declarations on civil aviation security emanating from regional conferences held with a view to enhancing international cooperation, hereby *urges* Member States to take the following actions to enhance international cooperation to counter threats to civil aviation:

- 1) strengthen and promote the effective application of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices, with particular focus on Annex 17 — *Security*, and develop strategies to address current and emerging threats;
- 2) strengthen security screening procedures, enhance human factors and utilize modern technologies to detect prohibited articles and support research and development of technology for the detection of explosives, weapons and prohibited articles in order to prevent acts of unlawful interference;
- 3) develop enhanced security measures to protect airport facilities and improve in-flight security, with appropriate enhancements in technology and training;
- 4) develop and implement strengthened and harmonized measures and best practices for air cargo security, taking into account the need to protect the entire air cargo supply chain;
- 5) promote enhanced travel document security and the validation thereof using the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD) in conjunction with biometric information, and the commitment to report on a regular basis, lost and stolen passports to the INTERPOL Lost and Stolen Travel Documents Database to prevent the use of such travel documents for acts of unlawful interference against civil aviation;
- 6) improve Member States' ability to correct deficiencies identified under the Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) by ensuring the appropriate availability of audit results among Member States, which would enable better targeting of capacity-building and technical assistance efforts;
- 7) provide technical assistance to States in need, including funding, capacity building and technology transfer to effectively address security threats to civil aviation, in cooperation with other States, international organizations and industry partners;
- 8) promote the increased use of cooperation mechanisms among Member States and with the civil aviation industry, for information exchange on security measures in order to avoid redundancy, where appropriate, and for early detection and dissemination of information on security threats to civil aviation, including through the collection and transmission of advance passenger information (API) and passenger name record (PNR) data, as an aid to security, whilst ensuring the protection of passengers' privacy and civil liberties; and
- 9) share best practices and information in a range of key areas, such as: screening and inspection techniques, including assessments of advanced screening technology for the detection of weapons and explosives; document security and fraud detection; behaviour detection and threat-based risk analysis; screening of airport employees; the privacy and dignity of persons; and aircraft security.

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AVIATION SECURITY REGIONAL CONFERENCE

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, 7 AND 8 FEBRUARY 2012

AGENDA

1. Progress in implementing the aviation-security related resolution of the 37th Session of the ICAO Assembly and the Declaration on Aviation Security

States will provide a status report on actions taken, underway and planned to implement the Declaration on Aviation Security adopted by the 37th Session of the ICAO Assembly in October 2010.

2. Implementation of the Assembly Declaration: challenges and opportunities

Participants will identify and discuss challenges and opportunities in relation to implementation of the Assembly Declaration.

3. Further action to implement the Assembly Declaration

Participants will consider further actions required to address the critical aviation security priorities and issues, taking into account the Assembly Declaration and the Work Programme and Projects of the North American (NAM), Caribbean (CAR) and South American (SAM) Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (May 2011).

4. Adoption of a joint statement

The conference will be invited to adopt a Joint Statement, reaffirming States' commitment to fulfilling the Assembly Declaration, and implementing existing regional action plans.

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2.	Title/Position:			
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Further information on the conference site, and other general information for delegates, can be found on the ICAO Website at www.icao.int under “Meetings and Events”, and www.lima.icao.int under “Meeting Programme 2012”.

Note: Participants are expected to make their own travel/hotel/visa arrangements.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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