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Subject: **Fifth Meeting of the APIRG Communications, Navigation and Surveillance Sub-Group (CNS/SG/5) (Nairobi, Kenya, 16-19 September 2013)**

Action required: *Kindly reply to paragraph 7 hereunder by 30 August 2013*

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) Communications, Navigation and Surveillance Sub-Group (CNS/SG) will hold its fifth meeting (CNS/SG/5) in Nairobi, Kenya, from 16 to 19 September 2013. I therefore, hereby extend an invitation to your Administration to participate.

The tentative Agenda and Explanatory Notes (WP/1), CNS Sub-Group work programme and composition, Information Bulletin (IP/1) and Registration Form for the meeting are attached hereto as **Attachments A, B, C, D and E**, respectively. The meeting will be conducted in English and French languages and documentation will be issued in these languages.

Administrations intending to present working papers should ensure that the papers reach the Secretariat not later than **30 August 2013** and should, where possible, be in both English and French languages. Papers received after that date will be distributed in the language in which they are received.

The CNS/SG/5 meeting will, *inter alia*, review:

- a) the status of implementation of AFI Air Navigation Plan requirements for aeronautical telecommunications and the performance of the telecommunications infrastructure;
- b) strategies of eliminating the identified deficiencies, and update the list of deficiencies affecting aeronautical telecommunications based on follow-up action taken by the States and Organizations concerned;
- .../...
- c) the regional implementation strategies for communications, navigation and surveillance systems based on operational requirements and available technologies, and accordingly develop guidance material for consideration by States and air navigation service providers when planning and implementing their air navigation system components;
- d) the outcome of the Twelfth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/12) (Montreal, Canada, 19-30 November 2012) in the CNS field; and

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- e) the draft regional air navigation implementation plan for CNS aligned with the Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) methodology.

It is to be recalled that APIRG, the Air Navigation Commission and the Council have emphasized the importance of members playing an active role by attending all meetings as well as contributing by way of working papers.

Kindly note that, in order to enhance coordination between the CNS/SG and the ATM/AIM/SAR SG, the latter will also hold its thirteenth meeting from 16 to 19 September 2013 at an adjacent venue. This is intended to permit appropriate coordination between the two Sub-Groups in view of the inter dependency of their work programmes. It is planned to hold at least one joint session of the two Sub-Groups. Details regarding this arrangement will be communicated during the course of the meeting.

We would be grateful if you could advise this Office of your intention to participate at the CNS/SG/5 meeting as soon as possible but in any case not later than **26 August 2013** giving the names and titles of your participants, preferably via electronic mail to: icaoesaf@icao.int.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Mam Sait Jallow
Regional Director

Attachments: Attachment A: Draft Agenda
Attachment B: Draft Agenda Explanatory Notes
Attachment C: CNS/SG - Terms of Reference
Attachment D: Information Bulletin
Attachment E: Registration Form