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**Subject: Twenty-fifth meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee (SNMC/25),
Freetown, Sierra Leone, 18-22 December 2017**

Action Required: *Reply not later than 01 December 2017*

Sir /Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration / Organization to the Twenty-fifth Meeting of the AFI Satellite Network Management Committee (SNMC/25) which is being hosted by the Roberts FIR in **Freetown, Sierra Leone from 18 to 22 December 2017**. Information on the venue and other relevant details will be provided in due course.

As the provisional agenda hereto attached indicates, the SNMC/25 meeting will, among other things, mainly review the follow-up actions taken by SNMC members on matters arising from SNMC/24 Conclusions/Decisions, assess the network performance (facilities and services availability), discuss on AFISNET integration and interoperability with its neighboring networks in the frame of **SP AFI/RAN Recommendation 6/19**, examine the actions conducted for AFISNET re-engineering and modernizing in line with **SP AFI/RAN Recommendation 6/18** and review the status of implementation of the APIRG relevant related conclusions/decisions.

In this regard, the attention of your Administration/Organization is being drawn to the need to participate actively by preparing Working Papers and providing the necessary inputs in relation to the individual Agenda items. Such inputs should include operational end-to-end circuit statistics, and updates on present network parameters and expected/future applications, with a view to facilitating the upgrading of the AFISNET performance and ensuring its smooth integration.

Within the framework of implementation of the AFI Air Navigation Plan, the Conclusions and Decisions of APIRG 21th meeting and the derived requirements to be provided by the network for the implementation of ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) components within the AFI Region will be presented to the meeting for implementation.

In line with the provision contained in the Form of Agreement of AFISNET Management Committee, observers as facilities providers, satellite spectrum providers, Air Navigation Service Providers, Airline Associations have been invited to give information about the current technologies and their development in the future.

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The general information with the List of Hotels in Freetown will be posted on the WACAF Website as soon as they are received from Roberts FIR. Meanwhile, be advised that Working Papers prepared by the Secretariat will be circulated in due course.

Kindly advise at your earliest convenience but not **later than 01 December 2017** through E-mail to icaowacaf@dakar.icao.int whether your Administration/Organization intends to participate in the SNMC/25 Meeting, and accordingly indicate the name and designation of your delegate(s).

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



for Mam Sait Jallow
Regional Director

**Attachment: Provisional Agenda
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