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Subject: Virtual seminar on the use of WAFS gridded forecasts, from 16 to 17 August 2021

Action required: *Confirm your participation by 2nd August 2021*

Sir /Madam,

I wish to refer to the Amendment 79 to Annex 3 (Meteorological service for international air navigation) to the Convention on International Civil Aviation applicable from November 2020, introducing the requirement for Aerodrome Meteorological Offices to use the WAFS forecasts in the preparation of flight documentation, when these forecasts cover the intended flight path in respect to time, altitude and geographical extent, unless otherwise agreed between the meteorological authority and the operator concerned.

To assist States for the implementation, the ICAO Regional Offices for Western and Central Africa (WACAF) and Eastern and Southern Africa (ESAF) are conducting from 16 to 17 August 2021, a virtual Seminar on the use of the WAFS new gridded products, to which your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate.

The seminar is intended for Aviation Weather Forecasters and Senior Managers of MET forecast units. Activities will be conducted in English and French with simultaneous interpretation. The draft work programme of the seminar is attached to this letter.

Participants are kindly invited to register online at their earliest convenience, preferably not later than 2nd August 2021 at <u>https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpcu6urz0qHdwGtjNWvNwHQ-dpsgGdeZv1</u>

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

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Attachment : Draft work programme

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