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Subject: Fifth Meeting of the African Air Navigation Services Providers (ANSPs), Lomé, Togo, from 28 March to 1st April 2022

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the African Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) Peer Review Programme, which was launched in 2015 by the President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), with the objective of addressing the challenges faced by the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Region in improving the safety and efficiency of air navigation services.

So far, several initiatives have been taken by ICAO through the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Safety in Africa (AFI Plan), the Agence pour la sécurité de la navigation aérienne en Afrique et à Madagascar (ASECNA), the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) and other stakeholders to operationalize the Peer Review Programme, with the support of the African ANSP Steering Group, the established governing body chaired by ASECNA. The Fourth meeting of the African ANSPs was held in Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

You will recall that the African ANSP Steering Group is composed of ASECNA, Air Traffic and Navigation Services of South Africa (ATNS), CANSO, Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA), Mozambique (Aeroportos de Moçambique), Nigeria Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) and ICAO Regional Offices.

In order to consolidate the Peer Review Programme, and in consultation with Mr. Mohamed Moussa, Director General of ASECNA and Chairperson of the ANSP Steering Group. I am pleased to invite your Air Navigation Service Providers to the Fifth African ANSPs meeting, to be held from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 in Lome (Togo), at the kind invitation of the Civil Aviation Authority of Togo.

The main objectives of the meeting are to:

- a) review the status of implementation of the recommendations from the last African ANSPs meeting which was held in 2019;
- b) analyze the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the provision of air navigation services;
- c) identify the African ANSPs common challenges; and
- d) agree on priority areas of cooperation.

Furthermore, as a follow up to the AFCAC Stakeholders meeting held in January 2022, the African ANSPs meeting will also discuss issues related to the implementation of the ANS components of the African Union Commission and AFCAC Joint Priority Action Plan for the operationalization of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM), championed by the Republic of Togo.

Considering the importance of this meeting, the participation of Chief Executive Officers of ANSPs is recommended, as high-level decisions which impact the provision of air navigation services in the region would be taken.

In view of the above, your Administration/Organization is hereby invited to:

- a) Confirm by electronic mail to <a href="mailto:icaowacaf@icao.int">icaowacaf@icao.int</a>, and <a href="mailto:icaowacaf@icao.int">icaowacaf@icao.int</a>, its participation and/or participation of its ANSP, and accordingly provide the names and functions of designated representatives who are kindly invited to register online at <a href="https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tcu6pqjIrHtcq6gja36dRZGKUVb6f3LWO">https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tcu6pqjIrHtcq6gja36dRZGKUVb6f3LWO</a> as soon as possible, but in any case not later than 18 March 2022, for logistical planning;
- b) Prepare and send to the ICAO Regional Offices, electronic copies of working and/or information papers (if any) based on the attached Provisional Agenda, at your earliest convenience, preferably not later than 21 March 2022.

You will find as attachments the Information Bulletin and the Provisional Agenda with its explanatory note. The Provisional Work Programme will be forwarded to you later.

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

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## Attachments:

- Provisional Agenda and Explanatory Note
- Information Bulletin
- Working and Information Paper templates
- Presentation template

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