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Dear Panel Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Members, Advisers, and Observers,

As we start the year, the Air Navigation Commission thanks you for your continued dedication to ICAO's work. We understand that this important work is in addition to your day job, and we're all very appreciative of you and your State's willingness to share your expertise in order to improve safety and regularity of civil aviation.

You are of course aware of ICAO's [No Country Left Behind](#) initiative, and the Organisation's focus on implementation. In support, the ANC is conducting our work with an additional focus on **Implementation and Communication**. Key questions that should lead the way to this focus may be: are the proposed requirements implementable and how can we, in the work we do, facilitate optimum implementation? How can we best gather relevant feedback from States and Industry to enable this?

This theme of implementable SARPs is very much in the fore, as we begin our preparations for the Air Navigation Conference, slated for Oct 8th to 19th, where States will discuss and endorse proposals for possible additions to your work and ours.

As such, it is our goal that we can continue to work closely together with you to ensure that our collective work programme, and priorities, are built on a shared situational awareness of the needs of the States and the travelling public we all serve. You, as Panel Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Members, Observers, and Advisers, along with the dedicated Secretariat officers who guide us, are the key to delivering on our implied promise of having effective, widely implementable SARPs. After all, ICAO SARPs and PANS mean nothing if they are not implemented and having the desired effect!

The ICAO Secretariat is embarking this year on a broad evaluation of the standard making process, which will surely yield interesting insights into our collective work. As well, the Secretariat is exploring how to best move forward with project management methodologies, so as to ensure, perhaps, a fuller understanding of the possible impacts to States and Industry of our proposals, and how to prioritize our limited resources.

As we embark down this path, we will continue to look forward to your feedback and suggestions on the work itself, of course, but also on how best we can tackle the challenges ahead, together.

Wishing you all the best for 2018 and beyond,

Happy landings,

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