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**Subject:** Cancellation of the Fifth Meeting of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Search and Rescue Working Group (APSAR/WG/5) (Bangkok, Thailand, 12 - 15 May 2020)

Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you of revised planning for the Fifth Meeting of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Search and Rescue Working Group (APSAR/WG/5), scheduled to be held from 12 to 15 May 2020. ICAO State Letter Ref.: T 3/10.1 – AP109/19 (ATM) dated 19 September 2019 refers.

Due to the ongoing and frequently changing global response to, and impact of, the COVID-19 outbreak, the planned face-to-face meeting will not be held. The ICAO Regional Office is making preparations to hold a web-based meeting that will provide an opportunity to discuss some core matters from the expected APSAR/WG/5 agenda. However, the timing and modalities of any such electronic event are not confirmed at this stage.

The Regional Office expects to advise more about the possibility of the web-based meeting by email to registered and past participants of the APSAR/WG/5 no later than two weeks before being held. In the event that the number of registered Asia/Pacific Administrations is not sufficient to form a quorum or if unforeseen difficulties are encountered regarding the COVID-19 situation or the medium to be used, the web-event would be cancelled.

Administrations intending to register participants for any such web-event should continue to use the APSAR/WG/5 registration form attached to the invitation letter and the relevant status reports advised in the State Letter, available on the APSAR/WG/5 meeting web-page at:

<https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

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