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**Subject: Seventh Meeting of the Asia and Pacific  
Volcanic Ash Exercises Steering Group (APAC VOLCEX/SG/7)  
(Online, 14 December 2021)**

**Action: Please submit registration forms and papers by 7 December 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to invite your State/Administration/Organisation to attend the Seventh Meeting of the Asia and Pacific Volcanic Ash Exercises Steering Group (APAC VOLCEX/SG/7) conducted by the ICAO Asia and Pacific Office, Bangkok, Thailand, online on **14 December 2021**.

The Meeting aims to review lessons learned from previous volcanic ash exercises and events and progress planning for future volcanic ash exercises in the APAC Regions. Furthermore, the objective of the APAC VOLCEX/SG is to facilitate the demonstration by the international civil aviation system of the coordinated exchange of and response to volcanic ash information to maintain the safety, regularity and efficiency of aviation in the event of a volcanic eruption.

We are extending the invitation to all ICAO Member States/Administrations and International Organizations concerned with volcanic ash exercises conducted in the APAC Regions. In particular, we encourage you to support participation in the Meeting by experts responsible for the provision and exchange of, operational response to, and regulatory governance of volcanic ash information for international civil aviation (e.g., State Volcano Observatories, Volcanic Ash Advisory Centres, Air Navigation Service Providers and Meteorological Service Providers, Aircraft Operators and National Civil Aviation Authorities).

To assist with your preparations, I have attached copies of the provisional Meeting agenda (at **Attachment 1**), Meeting bulletin (at **Attachment 2**) and Meeting registration form (at **Attachment 3**). Please confirm participation by expert/s from your State/Administration/Organisation by returning the completed Meeting registration form to the ICAO APAC Office ([apac@icao.int](mailto:apac@icao.int)) by **7 December 2021**.

Please note that participants should obtain copies of Meeting materials (including templates for submitting Meeting working/information papers) before the Meeting from the following website: <https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2021-APAC-VOLCEX-SG-7.aspx>

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In addition, documentation from the previous Meeting (APAC VOLCEX/SG/06) is available on the following website: <https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2019-VOLCEX-SG6.aspx>.

Finally, to ensure availability of working papers and information papers before the Meeting, we strongly recommend that participants submit all papers, which are intended for consideration by the Meeting, to the ICAO APAC Office ([apac@icao.int](mailto:apac@icao.int)) as early as practicable and at the latest by **7 December 2021**.

Yours sincerely,

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Regional Director

**Enclosures:**

Attachment 1 – Provisional Meeting agenda

Attachment 2 – Meeting bulletin

Attachment 3 – Meeting registration form