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Subject: APAC Implementation Support Dialogue: "Enhancing Regional Capacity in Partnership" (26 January 2024, Bangkok, Thailand)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to invite you and your Organization to participate in the APAC Implementation Support Dialogue which is convened by the APAC Regional Office as an in-person one day event on 26 January 2024 at the ICAO APAC Office, Bangkok, Thailand. The Dialogue is being organized on the theme, "Enhancing Regional Capacity in Partnership".

The importance and urgency of this dialogue is apparent considering the disparity of aviation development across the Asia Pacific which has thirteen Small Island Developing States in the Pacific sub-region (PSIDS) and an additional eight Least Developed Countries. The USOAP-CMA effective implementation (EI) scores of 20 States of the 37 audited States in the APAC region lag behind the global average as well as 25 States lag behind the GASP 2023 - 2025 target of achieving an EI of 75 per cent by 2024.

The Assembly Resolution A41-25: Consolidated statement of ICAO policies on technical cooperation and technical assistance explicitly call on the better resourced States and development partners to collaborate and effectively address the inherent challenges of those States lagging behind, provide implementation support ensuring quality of deliverables and assist in enhancing capacity and efficiency in SARPs compliance. It has been noted through various studies and surveys conducted, such as the 2019 PSIDS Aviation Needs Analysis Study and the needs survey of the APAC Regional Cooperation Mechanisms Task Force, there does exist some bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the APAC region. It is now essential to focus on a collaborative approach to consolidate and coordinate the support provided by the States and development partners in the region.

Thus, the proposed Dialogue is expected to provide the forum for the invited States and development partners to present their short and mid-term work programmes and projects in the APAC Region, engage in discussions and coordinate plans to build capacity and capability and assist the APAC States/Administrations to achieve the regional and global safety targets and enhance safety oversight capabilities.

I shall be thankful to receive the response confirming your/your representative's participation and request to reserve a speaking slot by 22^{nd} December via email: apac@icao.int. Please find attached the Provisional Agenda of the Dialogue. A detailed Programme will be developed and distributed after receiving your acknowledgement.

Accept Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Tao Ma Regional Director

Enclosure:

Attachment A: Provisional Agenda

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