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Subject: Invitation to the CRV Workshop for PSIDS and the Thirteenth Meeting of the Common aeRonautical Virtual Private Network Operations Group (CRV OG/13) (Wellington, New Zealand, 03 – 08 March 2025)

Actions Required:

- 1) To provide nomination letter/email by **31 January 2025**;
- To submit paper(s) and/or presentation(s) by 10February 2025;
- 3) To complete the online registration by 10 February 2025.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to invite your State/Administration to participate in the following events to be held in Wellington, New Zealand. The two events, sponsored by the USA and hosted by New Zealand, are organised successively for the convenience of those participants who intend to attend both events.

- 1. ICAO APAC CRV Workshop for the PSIDS 03 to 04 March 2025; and/or
- 2. The Thirteenth Meeting of the Common aeRonautical Virtual Private Network Operations Group (CRV OG/13)- 05-08 March 2025.

The objectives of the CRV Workshop are to assess the status of ATS connectivity and emerging requirements, current ATS communication infrastructure/issues and CRV realisation status in the Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS). It will facilitate PSIDS in understanding CRV and its benefits and evaluate their readiness to join CRV if they have not already joined. The Workshop will also provide an opportunity for PSIDS to clear doubts and ask questions about CRV implementation, CRV contract

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obligations, and terms and conditions of CRV contracts. The Workshop will act as a platform for the PSIDS to deliberate with their partner States and prepare a roadmap for CRV Implementation. The provisional agenda of the CRV Workshop is provided in **Attachment A.**

The key objectives of the CRV OG/13 meeting are to deliberate and agree on new CRV contract management process and review the CRV implementation of APAC Member States to optimise the cost benefits of all stakeholders within the timelines. In addition, the Meeting will discuss CRV OG Reference documents, the requirement of CRV for SWIM subscribers, CRV contract management, interregional IP network connections, and cyber-safety/security and resilience issues. All Member States that have already implemented CRV are invited to share their experience with CRV operations, Implementation, Bandwidth utilisation, and performance to facilitate Member States contracting CRV and refining new CRV requirements. The provisional agenda of the CRV OG/13 meeting is provided in **Attachment B**.

It is to be noted that the USA is graciously granting scholarships to support PSIDS in joining the Workshop and CRV OG/13 Meeting by sponsoring the cost of attending both events for one person from each PSIDS. Detailed information about sponsorship opportunities will be shared in a separate letter in due course.

To make the Meeting more productive and effective, it is strongly urged that States/International Organizations submit Presentations, Working Papers, or Information Papers relevant to the proposed agenda for the Meeting in Word/PowerPoint format to this office by e-mail to apac@icao.int with copies to snibhani@icao.int and vmeefuengsart@icao.int at the earliest convenience, but no later than 10 February 2025. If papers are received after 10 February 2025, they will be treated as flimsies.

Delegates are advised that the ICAO Regional Office is moving towards a 'paperless' meeting environment by promoting electronic media for all meeting materials. The delegates are encouraged to take advantage of the wireless network facility and should bring a portable device equipped with Wi-Fi networking capability for the Meeting. The Working and Information Papers, presentations, and other related documents for the CRV OG/13 meeting and Workshop will be available on the ICAO website at https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2025-CRV-Workshop-and-CRV-OG-13.aspx. All delegates should obtain meeting materials from the CRV OG/13 meeting web page before the commencement of the Meeting.

A formal letter or email of Nomination from a Member State/Administration is required. I would be grateful if you would take advantage of the successive events and nominate participant(s) to attend and contribute to the Workshop and/or Meeting **by sending a nomination letter or email** to apac@icao.int with copies to snibhani@icao.int and vmeefuengsart@icao.int at the earliest convenience, but no later than **31 January 2025**. The letter should be on official letterhead and signed by the appropriate authority or authorised signatory for the government entity of the State/Administration. The letter/email should be addressed to the ICAO Regional Director in response to AP0123/24 (CNS) - Invitation to the CRV Workshop for PSIDS and the Thirteenth Meeting of the Common aeRonautical Virtual Private Network Operations Group (Wellington, New Zealand, 03 – 08 March 2025).

The Workshop/Meeting bulletin containing detailed information about the Meeting venue, recommended hotels, and other information of interest, along with administrative arrangements, is provided in **Attachment C.** All costs to attend the Meeting in **Wellington, New Zealand**, including travel, accommodation, health insurance, and other miscellaneous expenses will be borne by the respective States/Administrations.

I would be grateful if you would take advantage of the Meeting and nominate participant(s) to join the Meeting by **completing the <u>online registration</u>** at your earliest convenience, but no later than **10 February 2025**, as after this, the link will be closed automatically to accept registrations.

Yours sincerely,

Tao Ma Regional Director

Enclosures:

Attachment A – Provisional Agenda for CRV Workshop for PSIDS

Attachment B – Provisional Agenda for CRV OG/13

Attachment C – Workshop/Meeting Bulletin