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Subject: Global Air Traffic Management Forum on
Civil/Military Cooperation (Montréal, 19 to
21 October 2009)

Action required: Nominations of participants to reach
ICAO by 19 August 2009

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to invite your Government/Organization to participate in a Global Air Traffic Management Forum on Civil/Military Cooperation to be held in Montréal, from 19 to 21 October 2009. The meeting is being convened by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in partnership with the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (EUROCONTROL), the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and supported by the Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA).

2. This global forum on civil/military cooperation is held in follow up to recommendations of the Eleventh Air Navigation Conference (Doc 9828, Rec. 1/2) concerning coordination with military authorities with a view to achieving enhanced airspace organization and management and as an integral supporting mechanism of the successful series of civil/military air traffic management summits instituted by the Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA). It is also in follow up to ICAO Assembly Resolution A36-13, Appendix O, *Coordination of civil and military air traffic* wherein States were asked to take appropriate action to coordinate with military authorities to implement a flexible and cooperative approach to airspace organization and management.

3. The Forum is intended to create awareness among civil and military policy makers and regulators, civil and military air navigation service providers (ANSPs) and civil and military airspace users, on the need to improve civil/military cooperation and coordination in support of an optimum use of airspace by all users.

4. Presentations will be given by high-level civil and military aviation representatives from States and international organizations as well as representatives from the airline industry and ANSPs. New guidance material and best practices related to civil/military cooperation and the flexible use of airspace will be delivered and shared at the Forum. It is anticipated that discussions would result in actions to progress towards greater civil/military cooperation leading to a more optimized use of the airspace with a consequent reduction in the use of fuel and less impact on the environment. Prominent moderators and speakers will lead the discussions to facilitate a dynamic interaction between panellists and the audience.

5. All further information related to the Forum, including the draft programme, registration, fees, general information, exhibition opportunities, hotels and rates will be available soon on the Forum website at <http://www.icao.int/gatm-civ/mil/> and will be updated periodically. Registration will be done on-line. We expect this event to draw a large audience, therefore, it is recommended that you make early travel arrangements and hotel reservations for the Forum.

6. I wish to inform you that the registration fee will be waived for up to two participants nominated by each State (either civil or military) for this event. All other attendees, except for invited speakers, will be required to pay a registration fee.

7. The participation of civil aviation and military officials at the decision-making level is essential at this Forum. Consequently, it is recommended that Civil Aviation Administrations inform and coordinate participation of their military officials as part of their State's delegation. I look forward to receiving the names and titles of your participating officials, their position and whether they are nominated for free participation or as paying participants. Please ensure that the letter of nomination is presented on the letterhead of your Administration or Organization. Your nomination should preferably be sent by e-mail to gatm_civ_mil@icao.int to reach Montréal no later than 19 August 2009.

8. I should also be grateful if you would advise me if your Government/Organization wishes to participate in the Forum, at your earliest possible convenience.

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

Taïeb Chérif
Secretary General