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Subject: Implementation of ICAO 2012 Flight Plan

Action required: Inform ICAO Regional Offices, by 14 September 2012, reaffirming or updating their status of national implementation of the ICAO 2012 Flight Plan

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to inform you about the implementation of the amended flight plan provisions, described in Amendment 1 to the *Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Air Traffic Management* (PANS-ATM, Doc. 4444). As you are aware, these provisions become applicable on 15 November 2012.

2. ICAO relies on updates provided in the Flight Plan Implementation Tracking System (FITS) (<http://www2.icao.int/en/FITS/Pages/home.aspx>) to ensure harmonized implementation of the new flight plan provisions. To guarantee continuity and safety of operations, States should update ICAO on the status of their implementation. Unless accurate information is provided to ICAO, stakeholders will not be able to identify, through FITS, areas where added support may be required. It was brought to my attention that information currently entered into FITS from States may not reflect an accurate picture of implementation progress in all States.

3. The information below is necessary for accurately reflecting progress in FITS for States:

- a) planned date for upgrades to Flight Data Processing Systems (FDPS) or any other system in support of flight plan processing (or date completed);
- b) planned date for testing (or date testing commenced);
- c) planned date for acceptance of new flight plan for trial purposes (or date trials commenced);
- d) planned date for issuance of Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) or update of Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) (or date of publication); and
- e) planned date for update of Letters of Agreement (LoA) with air traffic services (ATS) units of adjacent States, if necessary (or date LoA signed).

4. I therefore urge you to inform the ICAO Regional Office accredited to your State on the implementation progress in accordance with paragraph 3 above. Responses should be provided to the appropriate Regional Office no later than 14 September 2012.

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

Raymond Benjamin
Secretary General