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Dear Sir/Madam:

I have the honour to address you this letter and to refer to the Regional Office Activities Programme forwarded to you with my letter LO 6.3.18/SA0914 of 9 October 2000. In this regard, under the Meetings programme, it was considered the holding in Lima, of the Sixth Meeting of the Aeronautical Mobile Communication Panel (AMCP) Working Group F (WGF/6).

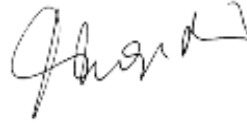
One of the reasons to hold the WGF/6 meeting in Lima is to provide information to the aeronautical administrations on the work performed by the AMCP on aeronautical frequency spectrum issues related with the coordination and frequency planning tasks performed by the States, as well as to provide advice to reach success in obtaining from the States telecommunication authorities, the support to the ICAO position prepared for the ITU World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRCs), especially for the forthcoming WRC-2003.

In order to attend the above objective, the WGF/6 meeting activities were divided in two parts. The first part will be developed under the modality of an Informal Meeting denominated Regional Coordination Meeting in preparation of the ITU WRC-2003. During this meeting, frequency planning issues for aeronautical systems of interest for the States will be also addressed. The Meeting draft agenda with the corresponding explanatory notes are attached as **Appendix A** to this letter and the same will be held from 27 to 28 March 2001 in Lima with the provision of simultaneous English/Spanish interpretation services.

The second part of the activities will be the work of the WGF/6 meeting itself. As reference, the current WGF tasks programme is attached as **Appendix B** to this letter and please note that the final agenda for the WGF/6 meeting will be defined in a later date. According to the rules and working procedures of the AMCP, the WGF meetings sessions are developed in English only and under an agenda designed to reach progress in the task assigned to the WGF by the AMCP. In this regard, the States are kindly invited to assist as observers to the WGF/6 meeting, which will be held from 29 March to 4 April 2001 in Lima.

Since it is desirable to finalize the necessary administrative actions in order to organize the above mentioned WGF meeting activities, I shall be grateful if you will let me have your comments by the earliest practicable date, and not later than **31 January 2001**, concerning the Regional Coordination Meeting draft agenda, and your plans to participate in this meeting as well as in the WGF/6 meeting.

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



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Att.

Draft agenda for the Regional coordination meeting in preparation for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference (2003) (WRC-2003)

(Lima, Peru, 27 to 28 March 2001)

Agenda Item 1: Introduction to ITU

Under this agenda item, the role of the ITU in the management of the radiofrequency spectrum and regulation of radio services will be presented, with particular regard to the role of World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRCs), the WRC preparatory activities in ITU-R, the impact on aviation of WRC decisions and the process leading to the development of ICAO positions at WRCs.

Agenda Item 2: Review of the ICAO position for ITU WRC-2003

The draft ICAO position on issues of interest to international civil aviation and a strategy to promote its support at the ITU WRC-2003 will be presented. The position was approved by the ANC and circulated to States for comments as attachment of the letter E 3/6-00/101 dated 8 December 2000. By the time of the meeting, ICAO should have received most of the comments. The purpose of this item is to acquaint participants with the position and give them indications on how they can support it at the national level by coordinating with their radiocommunication authorities. Information of the ICAO position is available at the Web site <http://www.icao.int/anb/panels/amcp>.

Agenda Item 3: Regional telecommunications activities in preparation for ITU WRC-2003

Activities of the Comisión Interamericana de Telecomunicaciones (CITEL) in preparation for ITU WRC-2003 will be reviewed, with a view to supporting participation of aviation experts to CITEL activities to promote the ICAO position.

Agenda Item 4: Frequency planning for aeronautical systems

- a) Aircraft FM immunity requirements
- b) Frequency planning for conventional systems in the CAR/SAM and other regions
- c) Current and future frequency allocations for GNSS
- d) VDL
- e) HF DL

Under this agenda item, the meeting would be presented with information on a harmonized approach to aircraft FM immunity in order to avoid harmful interference, which could seriously affect the air operation safety mainly in the case of radio navigation aids VOR and ILS. Likewise, the meeting will be presented with information on the current frequency planning procedures in the CAR/SAM regions for the conventional air-ground communications, and radio navigation aids and similar methods used in the EUR and NAM regions will be also presented. Concerning systems considered in the ICAO CNS/ATM concept, the meeting will be informed on the VDL and HF DL planning criteria being prepared by the AMCP, as well as frequency spectrum issues concerning the RNSS in the band 960 – 1215 MHz in relation with current and future allocations for the improvements/implementations of GPS, GLONASS and GALILEO as current and future ICAO GNSS elements.

APPENDIX B

Draft Agenda for the Sixth Meeting of the AMCP Working Group F (Lima, Peru, 29 March to 4 April 2001)

1. Opening and working arrangements;
2. Review of outcome of ITU Working Parties and Task Groups (8B, 8D, 8F & 1/5);
3. Consideration of draft ICAO position for WRC-2003;
4. Preparation for WRC-2003 by regional telecommunication organisations
 - a) Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT),
 - b) European Conference of Post and Telecommunication administrations (CEPT),
 - c) Inter-American Committee for Telecommunications (CITEL),
 - d) Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU);
5. ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2002;
6. Future use of the 5 GHz band (including MLS);
7. Radio regulatory provision for navigation data links in the band 108 – 117.975 MHz;
8. Radio regulatory provisions for a surveillance data link (VDL Mode 4) in the band 108 – 117.975 MHz including compatibility with existing and planned services;
9. Compatibility of GBAS, GRAS and VDL Mode 4 with FM broadcast stations operating in the band 87.5 – 108 MHz;
10. Interference from ultra wideband systems;
11. Interference from cable systems;
12. Availability of spectrum for AMS(R)S in the 1.5/1.6 GHz bands;
13. Use of the band 2700 – 2900 MHz by the mobile service (IMT-2000);
14. Future utilisation of the HF bands (WRC-2003);
15. Compatibility of radio altimeters with earth exploration satellite service;
16. RNSS in frequency bands used by GNSS;
17. RNSS in other frequency bands;
18. Use of the band 2400 – 2500 MHz for airport wireless communication systems;

19. Consideration of amendments to Handbook on radio frequency spectrum requirements for Civil aviation including statement of Approved ICAO Policies;
20. Consideration of a unified method for assessing compatibility between FM broadcasting and ILS/VOR/GBAS;
21. Compatibility of GBAS/GRAS with systems operating in the band 117.975-137 MHz;
22. Any Other Business.

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