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cc: C/ATM
ICAORD, Mexico

Subject: **ICAO Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA) – Americas Project (RLA/08/901) – First Regional Aviation Medicine Team Meeting** (Lima, Peru, 2-3 December 2009) **and Airport Evaluator Training** (Lima, Peru, 3 – 5 December 2009)

Action
required: **Confirm participation in the Meeting**

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your Administration to participate in the first CAPSCA – Americas Regional Aviation Medicine Team meeting being held in Lima, Peru, on 2 and 3 December 2009. The meeting will be hosted by the ICAO SAM Regional Office, Lima, Peru.

Participants are expected to include officers of civil aviation regulatory authorities and public health authorities, airport and airline representatives and other stakeholders who have an interest in preparedness planning in the aviation sector in the NAM/CAR/SAM Regions. As indicated by the First Steering Committee Meeting, participation by representatives of both public health and aviation authorities is particularly encouraged.

The ICAO CAPSCA - Americas Project objectives are summarised as follows:

- Public Health Protection – Aviation Personnel, Air Travellers and General Public.
- States establish national aviation pandemic preparedness plans, involving civil aviation authorities, public health authorities, Air Traffic Services, Airports and Airlines thereby satisfying:
 - Adherence to Article 14 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.
 - Compliance with related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (Annexes 6, 9, 11 and 14).

- Compliance with the World Health Organization International Health Regulations (2005)
- Implementation of ICAO, WHO, ACI and IATA guidelines.
- Regional cooperation among States & Territories – Project provides mechanism for pooling and sharing expertise and resources.
- Provision of advice, personnel training and airport evaluations for States & Territories.
- Development and improvement of guidelines for the aviation sector.

The regional aviation medicine team (RAMT) provides technical advice to the Steering Committee. Its main tasks at this meeting will be to:

- 1 Review its draft terms of reference
- 2 Consider the currently available preparedness guidelines from ICAO, WHO, IATA and ACI and suggest improvements
- 3 Review the experience of participants during the current Influenza A(H1N1) pandemic and consider what actions to take in order to improve harmonization of response
- 4 Consider the feasibility and practicality of training existing airport border control, airline cabin personnel and others in initial health screening (as recommended for consideration by the CAPSCA – Americas Steering Committee)
- 5 Recommend how the CAPSCA project can improve the pandemic response in the aviation sector
- 6 Designate RAMT Leader from Airport Evaluators nominated by States and Organisations
- 7 Review and agree on the Airport Evaluation Checklist

As mentioned in my letter concerning the Final Report of the First Steering Committee Meeting (Mexico city, 25-26 June 2009) Ref: NS2-34 – EMX0681, August 2009, the project seeks to appoint a number of airport evaluators. Details of appointment were provided in the referred letter. We would like to receive nominations prior to the RAMT meeting in Peru, since we wish to provide training to such evaluators after the meeting, which will include observation and practice under supervision during two airport evaluations in Peru.

An early response providing airport evaluator names would be appreciated so we can plan the training. The exact arrangements will depend somewhat on the number of volunteer evaluators. Please send your nominations, as soon as possible, with a brief curriculum vitae to the ICAO South American Regional Office, e-mail mail@lima.icao.int.

In order to continue with the administrative arrangements for the development of this meeting, I should be grateful if you would forward to this Regional Office the enclosed registration form duly completed for each nominee before **5 October 2009**.

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



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Lima



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