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To: Mr. M. Thierry Buttin, Regional Director of Civil Aviation Authority (DSAC)
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Subject: **Invitation – Webinar on mechanisms to improve the coordination of information concerning en-route weather phenomena and updates from the Volcanic Ash Warning Center (VAAC) (VAAC/COORD/Webinar)**
Online, 7 December 2021
From 11:00 am EST (16:00 GMT) to 2:00 pm EST (19:00 GMT)

Required
action: Register participation by **3 December 2021**.

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Sixth Edition of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) introduced the concept of Basic Building Blocks (BBB) and the ICAO Assembly has called for the implementation verification of essential services to be provided for international civil aviation, as is the case of the volcano watch in international airways. In the same way, amendment 79 to Annex 3 recommended to strengthen the harmonization of information provided in the advisory of Information concerning en-route weather phenomena which may affect the safety of aircraft operations (SIGMET).

Therefore, I am pleased to invite your Administration to participate in the Webinar on mechanisms to improve the coordination of information concerning en-route weather phenomena and updates from the Volcanic Ash Warning Center (VAAC), which will take place **online** through the Zoom videoconference platform, **on 7 December 2021, from 11:00 am EST (16:00 GMT) to 2:00 pm EST (19:00 GMT)**. The Webinar will be in English with simultaneous interpretation provided by the ICAO South American Regional Office (SAM).

In this regard, during the webinar, the ICAO SAM and NACC Regional Offices in coordination with United States, through the VAAC in Washington and the National Meteorological Service (SMN) of United States, will provide relevant information and new developments made available for use by States on the provision of meteorological services for international air navigation in accordance with the attached provisional programme.

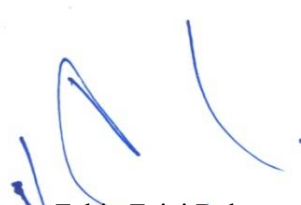
The Webinar is aimed at your Administration personnel responsible for the supply and/or exchange of meteorological information for international civil aviation, and in this regard, I invite your State to register participants by **3 December 2021** through the following link:

https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcof-qggj4pHt1G6_jjdKWH6k_MB_nOEPt7.

Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email with the connection details to the webinar.

Should you require further information regarding the event, please contact Mr. Jorge Armoa, Regional Officer, ANS Implementation (AIM/MET) of the ICAO South American Office: jarmoa@icao.int.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration



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APPENDIX

Webinar on mechanisms to improve the coordination of information concerning en-route weather phenomena and updates from the Volcanic Ash Warning Center (VAAC) (VAAC/COORD/Webinar)

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- Subject 1: United States' National Weather Service (NWS) NWSChat**
- Fundamentals and philosophy of the tool, benefits and examples of its usage in real cases
 - Registration, use and functionality at the service of States
 - Questions and Answers session (Q&A)
- Subject 2: NWSChat Continued**
- Real-world examples presented by the Volcanic Ash Warning Center (VAAC) in Washington
 - Q&A
- Subject 3: Graphical Forecasts for Aviation (GFA) website**
- Overview of the Graphical Forecasts for Aviation (GFA) website
 - Model guidance intended to give users a complete picture of the weather that may impact flight in the Continental United States (CONUS), Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean, and portions of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
 - Q&A
- Subject 4: Regional Association (RA) IV – RA III Aviation Team**
- Introduction to ICAO of the new RA IV – RA III Aviation team
 - Overview of goals and roadmap
 - Q&A

Subject 5: NWS eMail Data Input System (EDIS)

- Procedures that allow designated meteorological data providers the capability to input weather bulletins to the National Weather Service Telecommunication Gateway (NWSTG), also known as the Regional Telecommunication Hub (RTH), via e-mail.
- Q&A

Subject 6: ICAO Weather Information Exchange Model (IWXXM)

- IWXXM Implementation status in United States
- Q&A

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