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To: Mr. M. Thierry Buttin, Regional Director of Civil Aviation Authority (DSAC)  
for French Antilles and French Guiana  
Mr. Philippe Versi, Regional Director, West Indies and French Guiana  
Lt. Col. Egbert Field, Director General, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority  
H.E. Albert Egbert Jubithana BBA, Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism,  
Suriname

Subject: **Seventeenth Meeting of Civil Aviation Authorities of the SAM Region (RAAC/17)**  
(Santiago, Chile, 27 to 31 March 2023)

Required  
action: **Confirm participation**

Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to my communication SA437, dated 26 September 2002, requesting to save the date for the the Seventeenth Meeting of Civil Aviation Authorities of the SAM Region (RAAC/17), to be held at the National Aeronautical and Space Museum (*Museo Nacional de Aeronáutica y del Espacio*), in the city of Santiago, Chile, from 27 to 31 March 2023, thanks to the kind invitation of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation of Chile.

As informed in my referred communication, the RAAC/17 will be focused on assessing the course of regional aviation after the pandemic and with a view to the future. It will also follow up on the regional situation and its priorities, review the conclusions adopted by previous RAACs, consider initiatives for the development and sustainability of air transport in the Region and provide information on environmental activities.

In order to provide more space for bilateral or multilateral meetings among the different attendees, breaks will be scheduled between working sessions for refreshments and bilateral meetings. To obtain this space, the RAAC/17 will be developed in a mixed format, with a first phase of the meeting in asynchronous format, before the face-to-face session, where the respective Working Papers (WP) will be published with a space for comments, allowing the Directors of Civil Aviation to analyze and comment them prior to the face-to-face session. The face-to-face meeting could focus on decisions making and conclusions, thus, promoting the exchange and dialogue between States, Industry and International Organizations invited to ensure the objectives of the Meeting. Therefore, we would appreciate that the

documentation that your Administration wishes to present in the Meeting be submitted to this Office by **15 January 2023**, so it can be included in this preliminary asynchronous phase.

ICAO Secretary General, Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, has confirmed his presence at the face-to-face session and I am certain that his participation before and during the event will greatly contribute to the desired achievements for civil aviation in the SAM Region.

Please find enclosed the tentative agenda of the meeting (**Appendix A**) and the registration form to be completed by each participant, (**Appendix B**), including advisors and other members of your administration. I will very much appreciate confirming the participation of your administration in this important event sending the registration form to this Office by **27 February 2023**.

Participants **must have medical insurance with COVID coverage in Chile**, since ICAO will not cover these expenses. Likewise, in order to facilitate the procedures in case it is necessary, each participant must carry such insurance and provide a copy when registering personally at the meeting.

Information Paper (**IP/01**) with the general information on the meeting, the templates for the preparation of WPs and all the documentation related with the RAAC/17 will be published in the Regional Office website, <https://www.icao.int/SAM/Pages/MeetingsDocumentation.aspx?m=2023-RAAC17&t=1>, as soon as available. No documentation is foreseen for distribution during the development of the event, therefore, it is recommended that participants bring a laptop, or print the related documentation.

In addition, the platform selected for the asynchronous phase, the link to access and the instructions for the processing of the working papers will also be published in the event's website. The meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish languages, with simultaneous interpretation services.

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



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**Encs:** *As indicated*

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