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To: Mr. Peter Cerda, Regional Vice-president for The Americas, IATA
Mr. Luis Fernando Cruz Alburqueque, SAM Regional Director, IFAIMA
Mrs. Priya Doobaree, Senior Technical Officer, IFALPA
Cap. Daniel Bianco, Executive Vice-President CAR/SAM, IFALPA

Subject: **Invitation to VOLCEX Planning Meeting**
(Virtual, Zoom Platform, 15 September, 2023)

Required
action: Register participants **by 18 August, 2023**

Dear Sir/Madam:

I wish to refer to the RLA/06/901 - ATS/AIS/MET Coordination Meeting held in Lima, Peru from 18 to 20 October, 2022 under the auspices of Project RLA/06/901, which aimed to evaluate the implementation of contingency plans for volcanic ash and release of radioactive material, assess the review and update of ATS/MET service agreements, review the current status of the implementation of service level agreements, and promote the culture of cybersecurity in ATS, AIS and MET service providers.

In that sense, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Virtual Meeting scheduled for **15 September, 2023**, which aims to organize the face-to-face Session to be held in the first quarter of 2024 to elaborate the final planning of the VOLCEX exercise for the SAM Region for 2024, distributing the work and responsibilities of each area in which the MET, AIM, ATS, air operators and VAACs areas will be involved.

The link for registration on the Zoom Platform is as follows:

https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMpduCvqTwsH9BQ6mAcSTZN_q3Sq-bdEa9O (See **Attachment B**)

Attachment A contains the Conclusions and Recommendations presented at the ATS/AIS/MET Coordination Meeting mentioned above.

Mr. Jorge Armoa, AIM/MET Regional Officer (jarmoa@icao.int) and Mr. Fernando Hermoza, ATM/SAR Regional Officer of the ICAO South American Regional Office, are at your disposal should you require any additional information on this event.

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



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Regional Director
ICAO South American Office
Lima

ATTACHMENT A

RLA/06/901 - ATS/AIS/MET Coordination Meeting (Lima, Peru, 18 to 20 October 2022)

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The SAM Region should observe the Contingency Plans of the different ANS areas and insert it into the ATS Framework Contingency Plan.
2. The SAM Region should review the Volcanic Ash Contingency Plan and update it to the latest amendments of the ICAO Annexes and Documents.
3. The SAM Region should work on the preparation of the Radioactive Material Release Contingency Plan, and involve the AIS/AIM, MET and ATS areas in this Plan.
4. The SAM Region should disseminate the responsibilities of the different areas of Air Navigation involved in a Contingency Plan for Release of Radioactive Material.
5. The SAM Region should disseminate the ICAO recommendations related to Cybersecurity for ANS systems to be resilient.
6. The SAM Region should promote the culture of cybersecurity as automation is implemented in ANS services.
7. The SAM Region should work on preparing and conducting an exercise on volcanic ash that includes the involvement of all ANS areas as well as industry. This exercise should be developed every two years.

ATTACHMENT B

Instructions for joining an ICAO event via the Zoom platform

Before registering:

1. Create a free Zoom account (<https://zoom.us/signup>) – This is needed if the participant does not already have a Zoom account.
2. Use the same email as the free Zoom account to register in the event. (using the Zoom registration link above).
(An email will be sent to that email account with the connection details and password to join the workshop.)

On the day of the meeting:

1. Log in to your Zoom account (email and password used when creating the account for the first time).
2. Join the meeting by:
 - Clicking on the link sent to you via email with the connection details
 - Entering the password contained in the email sent with the connection details

NOTE: It is very important that each participant joins the meeting with their own individual link received.