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To: Mr. Yves Tatibouet, Regional Director of Civil Aviation Authority (DSAC)  
for French Antilles and French Guiana  
Mr. Francis Preux, Director, French West Indies and French Guiana, Air Navigation Services  
Lt. Col. Egbert Field, Director General, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority  
H.E. Uraiqit H. Ramsaran, Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism, Suriname

Mr. Rafael Echevarne, Director General, ACI-LAC  
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Mr. Peter Cerda, Regional Vice-president for The Americas, IATA  
Mr. Jaime Binder, Secretary, LACAC

Subject: **Coordination call for promoting 2024 as the *Year of Facilitation (FAL2024)***  
Online, 3 April 2024, 9:00 – 11:00 (GMT-5), Lima time

Required  
action: **To note and register at the provided link**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to letter EC6/3-24/6 of 16 January 2024, which announced the designation of 2024 as the *Year of Facilitation (FAL2024)* and the seventy-fifth anniversary of *Annex 9 – Facilitation* of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (**see attached State Letter**).

In this context and following similar successful coordination among States and the industry as previously done with the Safety Stand down and the Security Culture promotions, we also take this opportunity to raise the importance of facilitation and Annex 9 working all together toward this common promotion and take advantage on the contributions of the States for supporting each of these promotional activities. The objective of the ICAO's FAL2024 initiative is to highlight the significance of air transport facilitation and its transformative potential.

In this regard, we are pleased to invite the National Points of Contact on Facilitation of the States to an online meeting organized by the ICAO North American, Central America and Caribbean (NACC) and South American (SAM) Regional Offices

The purpose of this online meeting is to provide additional information on the initiatives and activities planned for the *Year of Facilitation* and to hear the plans and contributions of Member States on this important initiative. In addition, we will seek to share potential areas of collaboration and carry out as many of the activities proposed for the facilitation year – FAL2024 – as possible (Annex B to the State Letter). This

exchange is crucial to strengthen collaboration and improve the travel experience and efficiency of air transportation globally. Among the topics for this coordination will be:

- a) Introduction of FAL2024- <https://www.icao.int/Security/FAL2024/Pages/default.aspx>,
- b) proposed activities for year of facilitation – FAL2024 (attachment B to the SL)- Official use of ICAO promotional logos,
- c) good lessons and experiences on promoting aviation key topics like: Safety and Security examples,
- d) Q&A.

The meeting will be held in one bilingual session, to facilitate the participation of all members on 3 April 2024, from 9:30 to 11:00 (GMT-5), Lima time.

To confirm your participation, we ask you to fill out the registration format in the following link <https://forms.office.com/r/ttvdBEMOg3> before **1st April 2024**. Additional details and the link to join the virtual meeting will be provided to confirmed participants.

We appreciate your collaboration and look forward to your participation in this online meeting, which marks a significant step towards more efficient and accessible air transportation.

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

Yours Sincerely

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink over a blue ICAO logo. The logo features a globe with wings and the text 'ICAO OACI ICAO' at the top and '國際民航組織' at the bottom. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fabio Faizi Rahnemay Rabbani  
Regional Director  
ICAO South American Office  
Lima

Attachment: *As indicated*

cc: Mr. Patrick Pezzeta, Deputy Director, Antilles-Guyane, French Antilles  
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