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Subject: Regional Facilitation Seminar (Bangkok, Thailand, 23-26 March 2015)

Action Required: Reply by 6 March 2015

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Regional Facilitation (FAL) Seminar for the Asia and Pacific Regions will be held at the ICAO Asia and Pacific Office in Bangkok, Thailand, from 23 to 26 March 2015. Your State is cordially invited to attend and nominate participants from State authorities for civil aviation security, immigration and border control; as well as airports and airlines

The objective of the FAL Seminar, the first to be held in the Asia Pacific Region for many years, is to update Governments on developments in ICAO's FAL Programme, with a focus on future initiatives and issues of contemporary interest to States. These include, compliance/implementation issues related to Annex 9 — Facilitation of the Chicago Convention, Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) data exchange programmes, inadmissible persons and deportees, access to air transport by persons with disabilities, etc. It is intended that presentations will be provided by ICAO, IATA, other agencies and States.

Therefore, I would encourage your Administration to extend this invitation within your State, especially to all immigration, customs and other border control authorities, as well as airport and airline operators.

You are cordially invited to submit the name and details of nominated participants using the attached registration form (one form per nominee) directly to the ICAO Asia and Pacific Regional Office at APAC@icao.int, as soon as possible, but not later than 6 March 2015.

Attached please find for your reference the <u>Provisional</u> Agenda for the Seminar (Attachment A). A Bulletin containing the details on the venue of the meeting, useful travel information and other information of interest to participants is at Attachment C.

/Air Travel...

Air travel, hotel accommodation, daily subsistence travel allowance, health insurance to cover sickness and medical emergency in addition to other costs for participants are the responsibility of the nominating States.

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

Arun Mishra Regional Director

Enclosure:

A — Agenda

B — Registration Form

C — Seminar Bulletin