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**Subject: Airworthiness Certification Cost Estimate for Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Operations**

**Action Required: Reply not later than 31 July 2004**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to draw your attention to APIRG/14 meeting held in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 23 to 27 June 2003. APIRG/14 Conclusion 14/21 *inter alia* advocated as follows:

**Conclusion 14/21: Implementation of RVSM in the AFI Region:**

**That:**

**States do their utmost to implement RVSM in selected airspaces, as per plan by AIRAC cycle date of 20 January 2005 concurrently with the CAR/SAM Region.**

You are aware, that Operators intending to conduct flights within AFI RVSM airspace after the above mentioned date will require an RVSM Approval from the State in which the aircraft is registered. Operators must therefore inspect and/or modify aircraft in accordance with the appropriate RVSM airworthiness requirements and institute procedures in respect of continued airworthiness (maintenance and repair) practices and programs (e.g. as specified in JAA TGL6) in order to prepare their aircraft for monitoring. Airframe manufacturers have identified the work to be done for RVSM approval on different aircraft types in service bulletins (SB) and Operators are responsible for the cost associated with the approval process.

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To finalise a cost benefit study for the AFI Region, ICAO requires a cost estimate for those aircraft types that need to be modified in accordance with the RVSM airworthiness documents. You are hereby urged to obtain cost estimates for these aircraft from the appropriate operators and forward the information to this Office as soon as possible but not later than 31 July 2004.

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



Lot Mollé  
Regional Director