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Subject: AFI RVSM Safety Assessment and Regional Monitoring Agency

Action required: Reply not later than 30 September 2004

Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the letter received from Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) dated 23 August 2004. Thank you for the explanatory remarks regarding the ATNS/IATA contractual agreement and reason for delaying the AFI Safety Assessment program.

As you are aware, South Africa agreed to establish a Regional Monitoring Agency (RMA) for the AFI Region and therefore accepted the responsibilities described in the AFI RMA Manual and as delegated by the AFI RVSM Task Force. Part of these responsibilities is the readiness assessment which requires operators to certify their aircraft for RVSM operations and the ICAO height monitoring requirement. RVSM can only be implemented if 90% of the aircraft operating within the AFI airspace is certified for RVSM operations and the aircraft height monitoring task should therefore commence at the earliest possible date.

Furthermore, the implementation of RVSM will be based on a safety assessment, demonstrating that RVSM safety objectives for the AFI Region have been satisfied. This Safety assessment will be reviewed by the ICAO Air Navigation Commission (ANC) before it approves RVSM implementation for the AFI Region.

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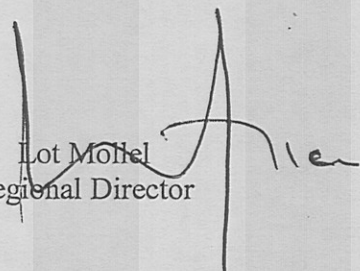
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The AFI Stakeholder Coordination Meeting to be held from 17 to 19 November 2004 will determine the feasibility of implementing RVSM on the target date of 20 January 2005. This important decision will be based on all data available at that time. Both the AFI Aircraft readiness and Safety Assessments are very important elements of the AFI RVSM Implementation Program and will be reviewed at this meeting.

Kindly ensure that safety and readiness assessment data will be sufficient enough to assist the coordination meeting make the required decision for the implementation of RVSM in the AFI Region.

I would be grateful if you could provide the AFI RVSM Implementation Office (ARPO) in Nairobi with a detailed schedule for the above-mentioned tasks at your earliest convenience, preferably not later than **30 September 2004**.

Accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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