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Subject: Implementation of Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) in AFI Region

Action required: Reply by 31 January 2005

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:

- (a) 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.
- (b) A Coordination Meeting be convened in September 2004 to take a Go/Delay decision for implementation of RVSM.

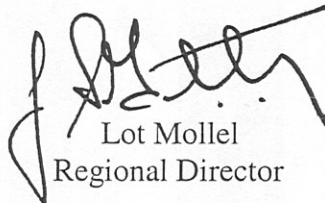
You may be aware that, that the AFI RVSM Task Force and the Stakeholders Coordination Meetings reviewed outstanding items required for RVSM Implementation during the meetings held in Dakar, Senegal, from 16 to 19 November 2004. After careful consideration of all work completed, it was decided to postpone RVSM Implementation for a period of one year due to the number of tasks still to be completed by States.

Furthermore, Non-RVSM aircraft will not be authorized to enter RVSM airspace and this will result in economic penalties for operators concerned. In order to meet the target date of 19 January 2006, you are urged to take appropriate action on each of the conclusions in the report and specifically meet the target dates shown on the revised AFI RVSM Strategy/Action Plan at Appendix B to the reports.

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I would be grateful if you could as soon as possible, but not later than **31 January 2005**, provide the ICAO AFI RVSM Implementation Office (ARPO) in Nairobi with your updated national action plans based on the AFI RVSM Strategy/Action Plan.

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



Lot Mollel
Regional Director

Attachments:

- Report of the Fifth Meeting of RVSM/RNAV/RNP Task Force (Dakar, 16 – 17 November, 2004)**
- Report of the RVSM Stakeholders Coordination Meeting (Go/Delay Coordination Meeting) (Dakar, Senegal 18 – 19 November 2004)**