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Subject: Regional Coordination Meeting on Interoperability of AFI Aeronautical VSAT Networks (Johannesburg, South Africa, 25-26 May 2015)

Action required: Kindly reply by 7 May 2015

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to inform you that ICAO will be conducting a Regional Coordination Meeting of AFISNET, CAFSAT, NAFISAT and SADC VSAT Networks Managers, to be hosted by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 25 to 26 May 2015, and invite your Administration/Organization to participate.

2. The main objectives of the meeting are to:

- a) review regional air navigation agreements pertaining to very small aperture terminals (VSATs), namely based on:
 - Conclusion 5/16 - *Implementation of very small aperture terminals (VSATs)* - of the Fifth Meeting of the ALLPIRG/Advisory Group (ALLPIRG/5, 2006)
 - Recommendations 6/18 - *Follow up on AFISNET*; and 6/19 - *Planning, implementation and operation of VSAT networks* - of ICAO Special AFI Regional Air Navigation Meeting of 2008 (SP AFI RAN/08); and
 - Conclusions 18/25 - *Adoption of best practices for VSAT networks*; 18/26 - *Modernization of VSAT*; and 18/27 - *Sustainability of NAFISAT and SADC VSAT networks* - of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG).
- b) review and analyze related implementation activities and projects, including ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) projects; and
- c) formulate recommendations as appropriate in order to ensure that these activities and projects are harmonized, coordinated and consistent with regional requirements.

3. The meeting will be conducted in English language only and documentation will be issued in this language. The tentative Agenda for the meeting is provided in **Attachment A** to this letter. An information Bulletin providing detailed information to participants including the exact venue of the meeting and recommended hotels, will be sent to you in due course.

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4. Your Administration/Organization is hereby requested to indicate at its earliest convenience, but in any case not later than **7 May 2015**, whether it intends to participate in this meeting and, if so, indicate the name(s) and designation(s) of your delegate(s) and return the registration form provided in **Attachment B**, duly filled with their particulars.

5. Kindly also indicate if your Administration/Organization intends to submit contributions in the form of presentations, working papers or information papers.

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



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Attachment:

- A Tentative Agenda
- B Registration Form