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**Subject: ICAO ESAF Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) Workshop
(Kigali, Rwanda, 14-16 November 2017)**

Action required: a) Confirm participation and register by **29 September 2017**
b) Disseminate this letter as requested in paragraph 4

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I wish to invite your Administration to participate in the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) Workshop organized by the ESAF Regional Office with the support of the Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority, which will be held in Kigali, Rwanda, from **14-16 November 2017**.

2 The RPAS Workshop, which is mainly intended for ESAF States, will be a follow-up of the Abuja RPAS Symposium and the Second Global Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Symposium (RPAS2017) to be held at ICAO Headquarters, in Montreal from 19 to 21 September 2017. It will provide States, regional organizations, operators and stakeholders with first-hand information on RPAS provisions and guidance material. This will assist State regulatory and administrative personnel involved in the development and implementation of their RPAS regulations as well as the certification and surveillance of such activities.

3 The RPAS Workshop will provide a unique opportunity to share knowledge and experiences, particularly in the context of the eastern and southern African environment. It also constitutes an enabler for benchmarking and harmonizing regulatory requirements, procedures and guidance material, under the spearheading of selected States which have made significant progress in this area.

4 As this workshop will address subjects of interest to a wide-ranging audience, you are requested to disseminate this information to any organization in your State that may be interested in participating. A detailed programme including an information bulletin will be provided in due course.

5 Kindly confirm the participation of your State at your earliest convenience, preferably by **29 September 2017**, to icaoesaf@icao.int with copy to pmbengue@icao.int, providing the names of your delegation. In addition, participants are requested to complete and return the attached Registration Form, to the email addresses provided therein, as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Kashambo
Regional Director

Attachment: Registration form