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Subject: The ICAO AFI Regional Preparatory Group (RPG) Workshop for the International Telecommunications Union World Radiocommunication Conference (ITU WRC-2019) (RPG/ITU/WRC-2019) (Johannesburg, South Africa 4 - 5 September 2018); and

Seventh Working Group Meeting of the Frequency Spectrum Management Panel (FSMP-WG/7) (Johannesburg, South Africa 6 - 13 September 2018)

Action required: Reply by 20 August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that ICAO will conduct two important events on aeronautical frequency spectrum. The first will be the ICAO AFI Regional Preparatory Group (RPG) Workshop for the International Telecommunications Union World Radiocommunication Conference (ITU WRC-2019) from 4 to 5 September 2018. The second will be the Seventh Meeting of the Working Group of the Frequency Spectrum Management Panel (FSMP-WG/7) from 6 to 13 September 2018. Both events will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa and will be conducted in English.

The objective of these events is to support States in the appropriate management of the frequency spectrum and in preparing to support ICAO's position at the ITU WRC-2019. Therefore, they are addressed to staff in charge of radio frequency spectrum management and the Points of Contact nominated by your Administration/Organization to coordinate the support to ICAO's position at World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRC-19).

It is important to recall that aircraft navigation and traffic management require access to appropriately protected frequency spectrum for the operation of the various safety critical air-ground and ground-ground, radio communication, navigation and surveillance systems.

The subject of the RPG/ITU WRC-2019 workshop is the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference that will be held in 2019, considering ICAO's position at the ITU; its objective is the continued availability of aeronautical frequency spectrum for current and future aviation services. You may wish to note that the Workshop is for the benefit of the Region, whereas members of the FSMP participate as a workforce of experts, providing information to the Region.

The FSMP-WG/7 will focus on the use of the radioelectric spectrum in aviation, including studies within ICAO and ITU regarding future technologies and their frequency use requirements.

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AFI Region States are kindly invited to participate in these events, which will provide a unique opportunity to directly acquiring updated information on the aeronautical frequency spectrum and to sharing experiences with international experts.

The Provisional Agendas for the RPG/ITU WRC-2019 and the FSMP-WG/7 are enclosed in **Attachments A and B**. The documentation and further information regarding the RPG/ITU WRC-19 will be available at the ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices web sites as indicated below:

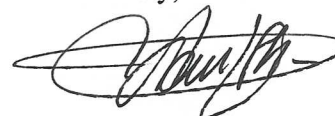
<https://www.icao.int/ESAF/Pages/meetings.aspx> and;
<https://www.icao.int/WACAF/Pages/Meetings2018.aspx>

The documentation for the FSMP-WG/7 will be available at: www.icao.int/safety/fsmp

If your Administration/Organization wishes to make a presentation in the regional workshop, please forward by email before **10 August 2018**. Please note that a bulletin containing information on the venue, hotels, workshop and meeting arrangements will be forwarded in due course.

Your Administration/Organization is encouraged to participate in both events. Please send the completed registration form (**Attachment C**) by **20 August 2018** to Messrs. Loftur E. Jónasson (ljonasson@icao.int), Francois Xavier Salambanga (fsalambanga@icao.int) and Harvey Lekamisy (hlekamisy@icao.int) with copies to icaoesaf@icao.int and ICAOWACAF@icao.int.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments:

- *A-RPG/ITU WRC-2019 Provisional Agenda*
- *B-FSMP-WG/7 Provisional Agenda*
- *C-Registration form*

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