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**Subject: ICAO Workshop on Extended Diversion Time Operations (EDTO)
(Nairobi, Kenya, 28 October - 1 November 2019)**

Action required: Reply by 5 September 2019

Sir/Madam,

I wish to invite your Administration/Organization to attend the ICAO Extended Diversion Time Operations (EDTO) Workshop to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 28 October to 1 November 2019.

As you may be aware, the first edition of Doc 10085 - *Extended Diversion Time Operations (EDTO) Manual* which was published by ICAO in November 2017 provides guidance on the implementation of the EDTO provisions of Annex 6, Part I as per Amendment 36 and contains best practices on extended range operations by aeroplanes with two turbine engines (ETOPS) or more.

The EDTO workshop which will be mainly based on the said ICAO manual will enable States to enhance processes on the granting of AOC related specific approvals on extended range operations, and air operators to plan and conduct related operations in compliance with regulatory requirements.

Therefore, it is strongly recommended that operations of aircraft and airworthiness inspectors of Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) and Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOs) as well as appropriately qualified operations personnel be nominated to attend the Workshop. In this respect, CAAs are invited to extend this invitation letter to air operators under their supervision.

The agenda of the meeting is attached as an annex to this letter. An information bulletin specifying among other information the address of the venue will be provided in due course and documents for the meeting will be accessible online at <https://www.icao.int/ESAF/Pages/meetings.aspx>.

Confirmation of participation to the workshop should be done at your earliest convenience, preferably by **5 September 2019**, to icaoesaf@icao.int with copy to pmbengue@icao.int, providing the names of nominees who should also complete and return the attached registration form, to the email addresses provided therein, as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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