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Mr. Hamid Alaufi, Chairman, MIDANPIRG  
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Mr. Alex de Gunten, Executive Director, Co-Chair, RASG-PA

Dear Chairmen,

I would like to thank you for your active participation in the Planning and Implementation Regional Group (PIRG) and Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG) Global Coordination Meeting, which was held at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal on 19 March 2013.

It was an important meeting, and I would like to share with you some of the lessons I have drawn from it. ICAO now has a solid framework at the global level with the new version of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP). This allows us to plan our regional activities in the aviation safety and navigation field in a way which is both consistent with the global plans and in line with the specific needs of each region. An important element of this framework is the set of priorities and targets to be confirmed or developed by each PIRG and RASG. I am looking forward to receiving them from you as they will form the basis against which our collective aviation performance will be measured. This will not only allow an abbreviated formal reporting focused on key decisions but also give us an opportunity to publicize your achievements and educate the public on their positive impact of our near term ATM action supporting the environment.

A second lesson is that the format of the meeting, informal and attendance limited to the Chair and Secretary of the PIRGs and RASGs, has worked well as it has allowed us to exchange and reach consensus in an efficient and productive way. As agreed, we will now hold this coordination meeting every second year with the next one planned for Spring 2015. In the meantime, I would encourage you to continue your contact between PIRGS, between RASGs and between PIRGs and RASGs in a given region. We need to continuously share our successful initiatives and to learn from each other.

You will find attached a short summary of the main outcomes of the meeting. Please provide a summarized version of your regional priorities and targets as soon as your PIRG and RASG meeting schedule allows.

Yours sincerely,



Roberto Kobeh González

**Enclosure:**

Summary of discussions

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Secretary General  
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## PIRG-RASG Global Coordination Meeting

### Summary of discussions

<b>Date</b>	19 March 2013
<b>Location</b>	ICAO Headquarters, Montréal
<b>Attendees</b>	Chairs of PIRGs, RASGs and ICAO (list on page A-2)
<b>Objective</b>	To exchange views on the readiness of the PIRGs and RASGs to set regional priorities and targets in line with the new versions of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) as well as share the successful initiatives of each of the PIRGs and RASGs to ensure the best possible synergy.
<b>Discussion items</b>	The meeting opened with a presentation on global developments in the field of safety and air navigation. It was followed by discussions on priorities, targets and a general plan of action of all PIRGs and RASGs. Coordination mechanisms amongst PIRGs and amongst RASGs as well as between PIRGs and RASGs within the same region were also part of the deliberations. The meeting concluded with a brief presentation on the establishment of the ICAO APAC Regional Sub-Office.
<b>Outcome and Next Steps</b>	<p><b>Chairs of PIRGs and RASGs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Endorsed the global safety priorities and understood the need for establishing targets. Groups were asked to establish regional priorities and targets:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– for safety each RASG to provide the plan by October 2013 to indicate by which date the priorities and targets will be determined</li><li>– for air navigation by May 2014 consistent with GANP/ASBU framework</li></ul></li><li>• Agreed on the need to measure proactively performance improvements and educate the public on their positive impact on environment.</li><li>• Endorsed the Regional Performance Dashboard prototype envisioned and determined an initial set of indicators /metrics for air navigation.</li><li>• Confirmed the need for a coordination mechanism between RASGs and PIRGs in each region to ensure consistency of action and avoid overlap.</li><li>• Encouraged the sharing of successful initiatives among each other.</li><li>• Decided to convene the global coordination meeting in this format once every two years with the next one planned for Spring 2015.</li></ul> <p><b>Chairs of PIRGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identified the need for training to determine priorities for the Aviation System Block Upgrades.</li><li>• Agreed to utilize specific interface groups where required for addressing the harmonization of air navigation plans in adjacent areas of PIRGs.</li></ul> <p><b>Chairs of RASGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agreed to collaborate with industry to improve aviation safety.</li><li>• Agreed to harmonize regional and global Safety Reports recognizing that some parts of the regional report will be region-specific.</li></ul>

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ICAO Headquarters, Montréal, 19 March 2013  
List of Attendance

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Leave of absence: Mr. Phil Roberts, Chairman, EANPG, Mr. Norman Shung-man Lo, Chairman, APANPIRG and Mr. Aboubekrine Seddigh, First Vice-Chairman, RASG-AFI.

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Mr. Roberto Kobeh González, President of the Council  
Mr. Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General  
Mr. Christian Schleifer, President of the Air Navigation Commission  
Mr. Andrew Tiede, First Vice President of the Air Navigation Commission  
Mr. Daniel Azema, Directeur de Cabinet, Office of the Secretary General  
Ms. Nancy Graham, Director, Air Navigation Bureau  
Mr. Vincent Galotti, Deputy Director, Air Navigation Bureau  
Mr. Mokhtar Awan, ICAORD Bangkok  
Mr. Meshesha Belayneh, ICAORD Nairobi  
Mr. Luis Fonseca de Almeida, ICAORD Paris  
Mr. Franklin Hoyer, ICAORD Lima  
Mr. Mohamed Khonji, ICAORD Cairo  
Mr. Mam Sait Jallow, ICAORD Dakar  
Ms. Loretta Martin, ICAORD Mexico