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Subject: Second ICAO / UNOOSA Symposium,

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 15 to 17 March 2016

Action required: a) plan for attendance; and

b) disseminate this letter as requested in paragraph 4

Sir/Madam.

- 1. I have the honour to invite you to participate in the second joint International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) / United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) Symposium with the continuing theme of *Emerging space activities and civil aviation challenges and opportunities* which will be convened in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from 15 to 17 March 2016.
- 2. This event will follow up on the first Symposium held earlier this year. It will provide practical guidance on some of the issues identified at that event by focusing on operational and regulatory methods related to this new mode of aerospace transport as well as on other related national and international efforts.
- 3. The symposium intends to provide participants with perspectives on:
  - a) aerospace innovation showcases and latest trends in commercial space transportation and suborbital operations;
  - b) regulatory and legal frameworks for aerospace operations and cooperation with aerospace stakeholders; and
  - c) concepts for the evolution of aerospace transportation.
- 4. The symposium will be held in English only. Information pertaining to the symposium is available at <a href="http://www.icao.int/meetings/SPACE2016">http://www.icao.int/meetings/SPACE2016</a>. Information on the venue in Abu Dhabi will be posted on this website by 1 September 2015. As this symposium 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.
- 5. Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Fang Liu Secretary General