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Subject: Fourteenth Meeting of the APIRG Air Traffic Management/Aeronautical Information Management/Search and Rescue Sub-Group (ATM/AIM/SAR SG/14) (Dakar, Senegal, 11 - 14 May 2015)

Action required: Reply by 15 April 2015

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the Fourteenth Meeting of the Air Traffic Management/Aeronautical Information Management/Search and Rescue Sub-Group (ATM/AIM/SAR SG/14) which will be held in Dakar, Senegal, from 11 to 14 May 2015.

In order to facilitate identification of areas of implementation to be prioritized for action, it is important for information on the States' status of implementation to be available to pertinent organs of ICAO including the Sub-Group. States are therefore requested to ensure that their delegations have necessary documentation to discuss or provide details relating to status of implementation of the following:

- a) Assembly Resolution A37-11 - *National PBN Implementation Plans*; APIRG Conclusions 18/09 (superseding Conclusion 17/47);
- b) PBN Procedures at international airports;
- c) ATS Contingency Plan (Annex 11 to the Chicago Convention) with provisions for Public Health Emergencies and Volcanic Ash Contingency Plan;
- d) Search and Rescue Letters of Agreement;
- e) APIRG Conclusion 19/13 on Class A airspace and air traffic control;
- f) APIRG Conclusion 17/43 – *Strategic Lateral Offset Procedures (SLOP)*; and
- g) Phase 1 and Phase 2 Steps of the AIS-AIM transition Roadmap.

I want to take this opportunity to highlight the need for participative contribution by delegates in order to realize the objectives of the meeting. In this respect, States and air navigation service providers (ANSPs) are requested to include in their delegations, officials who have the qualifications and experience in the areas of ATM, AIM and SAR, as well as the implementation issues involved.

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Your Administration/Organization is encouraged to contribute actively in the work of the meeting by submitting working and information papers covering relevant subjects reflected in the provisional agenda. These papers should be submitted to the Regional Office accredited to your State/area (i.e. WACAF or ESAF) as soon as possible, preferably not later than **31 March 2015**, in order to allow time for processing of the documents and advance posting on the ICAO website.

The meeting will be conducted in the English and French languages, and documentation will, to the extent possible, also be provided in the two languages. Kindly note however, that documentation for the meeting will not be provided in hard copy (paper) format. Accordingly, delegates are expected to bring along computers to enable their effective participation in the meeting.

Finally, I would appreciate it if you could confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization at your earliest convenience, preferably before **15 April 2015**, and to provide details of your participants by completing and forwarding the registration form provided at **Attachment D** to this letter to the ICAO WACAF Regional Office at: icaowacaf@icao.int with copy to icaoesaf@icao.int.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Regional Director

Attachments:

Attachment A:	Provisional Agenda
Attachment B:	Explanatory Notes
Attachment C:	Information Bulletin
Attachment D:	Registration Form