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Subject: Virtual Workshop on the AFI Regional Contingency Plan Review and Implementation Coordination, 2- 4 June 2021.

Action required: Confirm your participation by 28 May 2021.

Sir/Madam,

I have the honor to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the Virtual Workshop on AFI Regional Contingency Plan Review and Implementation Coordination, to be held from 2 to 4 June 2021, intended to address deficiencies with respect to the provisions of the ICAO Annex 11 provisions related to the development and promulgation of contingency plans.

It may be recalled that the Twenty-Second Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/22) adopted under Conclusion 22/14, the AFI Regional ATM Contingency Plan in **Attachment A.** Furthermore, APIRG/23 recalled SAT members to complete outstanding actions, including the alignment of the SAT ATM Contingency Plan with national ATM Contingency Plans and nominate Focal Points. The COVID-19 pandemic in addition highlighted the need to review and update Public Health Emergencies procedures as part of the ATM Contingency Plan.

The objective of the workshop is assist States, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), Airspace Users and International Organizations to:

- complete the development of their contingency plans or update them in respect of recent developments to ensure their completeness and operability;
- coordinate and align their contingency route systems with AFI regional Contingency Routes in order to facilitate the functionality of their contingency plans;
- promulgate contingency plans for implementation; and
- reinvigorate the regional Contingency Coordination Team (CCT).

The workshop is intended for personnel such as ATM Experts and Airspace Users conversant with operational issues relating to the airspace as well as AIM, MET and CNS Experts, relevant Military Officials and Public Health Experts where applicable. Activities will be conducted in English and French as per the draft Agenda in **Attachment B**.

Your participants are therefore kindly invited to register online, preferably not later than 28 May 2021 at https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqdu2gpzItE9ApcsVyBh8225Q d0Wk05Jn.

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

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Attachment A: AFI ATM Contingency Plan

Attachment B: Workshop Agenda and Work Programme