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The Secretary General
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Dear Sir.

RE: AFI-CIS FOLLOW UP MISSION TO ZAMBIA 5-16 NOVEMBER 2012

I have the honour to refer to the captioned subject matter regarding the proposed AFI-CIS Follow up Mission to Zambia from 5th to 16th November 2012.

While understanding the objective of the mission and in view of the impending ICAO Coordinated Validation Mission, I wish to confirm that the dates are suitable as requested and welcome the team led by Wing Commander Emmanuel Akatue to Zambia to embark on this mission.

The update of what has been achieved since the last AFI-CIS Mission is attached. We look forward to seeing the team on ground in Lusaka in November 2012.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Adam Daka
Acting Director

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UPDATE REGARDING ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING THE AFCAC AFI-CIS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MISSION TO ZAMBIA 15th - 31st AUGUST 2011

- 1.0 Zambia was put on the EU Ban list as a result of being on the Audit Result Review Board (ARRB) watch list after the USOAP Audit conducted by ICAO early in 2009 in which 98 findings were recorded including 1 Significant Safety Concern Ops 1 resulting from issuance of air service permits without following the five phase air operator certification process.
- 2.0 Zambia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) to make commitment to participate in the AFCAC sponsored and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), East and Southern Africa Office supported Africa and Indian Ocean Cooperative Inspectorate Scheme (AFI-CIS) in June 2011.
- 3.0 At the initiative of AFCAC in collaboration with ICAO, Zambia became the first beneficiary of the AFI-CIS Programme. A team of four Inspectors, 2 each from Airworthiness and Flight Operations were assigned to come to Zambia from 15th to 31st August 2011 to work with the Zambian Airworthiness and Operations Inspectors in order to offer assistance and on the job training as they resolved protocol questions related to the audit findings and mainly the Significant Safety Concern together in the Operations and Airworthiness fields. With Critical Elements and Protocol Questions as a guide they also assisted in the development of some Manuals and other technical guidance materials pertaining to air operator certification. At the end of the Mission, the Zambian Inspectors were expected to continue with the work on their own, whilst a follow up mission was to be undertaken at a later date to check on progress made by the Zambian Inspectors.
- 4.0 Under the 10th European Development Fund, Technical Assistance, Support to the Zambian Aviation Sector Project funded by the European Union, a Contractor NTU ApS International was selected to offer technical assistance to the DCA as major beneficiaries and other major players such as National Airports Corporation Limited and Zambia Air Services Training Institute in the Legal, Safety, Capacity building (Training) and equipage components. This Project has a need driven approach and a team of safety experts were engaged to continue with the work of assisting the Flight Safety and Standards Section of the DCA to address the pertinent safety issues based on the audit of 2009 that were identified by AFI-CIS Mission.

- 5.0 New guidance materials and new checklist for the AOC certification process have been developed and approved by the Director of Civil Aviation. The Zambia Civil Aviation Regulations (ZCARs) have been amended in line with the latest SADC Generic Regulations (SGRs) and have been submitted for Approval by the Director of Civil Aviation.
- 6.0 The Civil Aviation Authority Act No. 7 of 2012 has been enacted to make provision for the establishment of an autonomous Civil Aviation Authority. The Act stipulates a 6 months transition period from the time that the Minister responsible for aviation will issue a commencement order.
- 7.0 As you are aware the ICAO Integrated Coordinated Validation Mission (ICVM) has been set for 12th to 18th December 2012 and together with the NTU Experts we are working towards finalization of outstanding issues regarding protocol questions according to the critical elements.
- 8.0 It is our sincere hope that the AFI-CIS team will be on the ground to complement what has been achieved thus far and give insight to what may have been overlooked during the preparations.

Adam Daka
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