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**Subject: ICAO Regional Seminar on Aviation Cybersecurity
(Nairobi, Kenya, 3-4 October 2024)**

Action Required: Reply by 13 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that the ICAO Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) and Western and Central African (WACAF) Regional Offices are planning to conduct a joint Regional Seminar on Aviation Cybersecurity to be held in **Nairobi, Kenya, from 3 to 4 October 2024**.

The aviation ecosystem is becoming more connected. Global aviation continues to benefit from the adoption of new innovations and technologies. However, this accelerated digitalization exposes the sector to new cyber threats, which makes aviation cybersecurity a key enabler for the sector's safety, security, efficiency, capacity and sustainability.

The Seminar is a multi-disciplinary event that will bring together States, international organizations, industry and other relevant stakeholders from the cybersecurity, aviation safety, aviation security and air navigation disciplines. It will include panel presentations aimed at supporting States and stakeholders in implementing ICAO guidance material. It will also include panel discussions gathering States and stakeholders, and a cyber tabletop exercise (TTX). The Seminar will be conducted in English and French languages.

The objectives of this Seminar are:

1. Raise awareness on the importance of addressing cybersecurity in civil aviation;
2. Promote a common understanding of cyber threats and risks to civil aviation;
3. Introduction to the implementation of ICAO provisions and guidance material related to aviation cybersecurity;
4. Promote mechanisms for international cooperation between States and stakeholders;
5. Understand the achievements and challenges of States and stakeholders in the region with regards to implementing ICAO provisions and guidance material, especially ICAO Aviation Cybersecurity Strategy; and
6. Understand operational response to an international cyber incident and the need for cooperation, communication and information sharing between all relevant stakeholders, especially during a cyber incident that has a direct impact on the aviation sector.

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In this respect, your State/Administration is invited to extend this invitation letter to the above entities under your supervision, for appointment of participation.

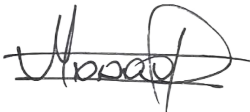
The Provisional Agenda for the Seminar and TTX along with the tentative schedule are provided in **Attachment A**. Your comments on the attached Provisional Agenda, including any amendments you may wish to suggest, would be appreciated. This event is tailored for cyber and non-cyber professionals, particularly benefiting operational and management personnel from Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs), Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), airlines, airports, and relevant non-aviation stakeholders such as national cybersecurity agencies, national Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs), law enforcement, air force, etc.

The Seminar bulletin containing detailed information about the event's venue, recommended hotels, and other information of interest, along with administrative arrangements, is provided in **Attachment B**.

I shall be grateful if participants would register at the earliest convenience, but not later than 13 September 2024 at the online registration link provided below. It should be noted that the link will be closed automatically after the deadline.

<https://www.icao.int/ESAF/Pages/Cybersecurity-Regional-Seminar-2024.aspx>

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures:

Attachment A - Provisional Agenda for Workshop
Attachment B - Information Bulletin