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To: Mr. Jean-Michel Boivin, Regional Director of Civil Aviation, West Indies and French Guiana
Mr. Zulficar Mohamed, Director General, Civil Aviation Authority, Guyana
Mr. Falisie Jozef Pinas, Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism, Suriname

Subject: **Thirteenth Meeting of Civil Aviation Authorities of the SAM Region (RAAC/13)**
(Bogota, Colombia, from 4 to 6 December 2013)

Sir,

Regarding the subject matter, I have the honour to invite you to participate in the Thirteenth Meeting of Civil Aviation Authorities of the SAM Region (RAAC/13), scheduled to be held in Bogota, Colombia, from 4 to 6 December 2013. In due time, we will be advising you of the venue of the meeting.

The South American Region is having outstanding growth rates in air transport, which are being accompanied by significant improvements in safety. However, air transport growth and major international events that lie ahead will be a hard trial for the existing infrastructure and the effectiveness of the mechanisms for constant safety improvement.

Accordingly, it is necessary to optimize the use of the current infrastructure and improve facilitation and security. Furthermore, the region has many opportunities to significantly reduce fuel consumption through the implementation of operational improvements. Regarding safety, we also have a great opportunity with the work being done in the region towards harmonization of standards and procedures, which will result in better levels of compliance with ICAO standards and recommended practices and to achieve an effective implementation of safety management processes: SSP and SMS. Likewise, meteorological services have great opportunities through the implementation of quality management systems.

In order to take advantage of all these opportunities, a firm **commitment** of Civil Aviation Authorities to the establishment of clear **performance** goals is essential. The RAAC/13 Meeting will have a high-level format, in which a **Declaration of Civil Aviation Authorities** will be submitted to the consideration of the States of the region for their signing, so as to show all aviation stakeholders the high-level commitment of the States to accompany the current growth in air transport with policies that will ensure a safe and orderly development. Your presence at this meeting of Authorities will be a clear demonstration of this commitment.

In this regard, please be informed that the ICAO Secretary General has already confirmed his participation.

The tentative agenda, the venue, as well as general information on the event will be forwarded soon.

I am sure that your participation before and during the event will greatly contribute to attain the goals sought for civil aviation in the SAM Region.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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