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Subject: Twenty Second Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/22) (Accra, Ghana, 29 July - 2 August 2019)

Action Required: Reply to confirm participation not later than 5 July 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

- 1. I wish to inform you that the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) will hold its twenty second meeting (APIRG/22) from 29 July to 2 August 2019 in Accra, Ghana.
- 2. As you may recall, the APIRG/21 Meeting formulated a number of Conclusions and Decisions which are contained in its report which was forwarded to you by the ICAO Regional Offices, and the same can be downloaded from the ICAO public websites (<a href="http://www.icao.int/wacaf">http://www.icao.int/wacaf</a>). Subsequently, the report was reviewed by the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and various actions were taken or proposed. Therefore, as part of the Agenda, the APIRG/22 meeting will review and consider the status of implementation of APIRG/21 Conclusions and Decisions as well as outstanding Conclusions and Decisions of APIRG.
- 3. The APIRG/22 meeting will also review the status of implementation of the Air Navigation Plan requirements by States in the AFI Region, as well as recent developments in the field of air navigation, including the outcome of the Thirteenth Air Navigation Conference (2018) and the Aviation Infrastructure for Africa Gap Analysis (2019) conducted under the auspices of the AFI Plan.
- 4. The tentative Agenda and information bulletin specifying the venue for the meeting and a list of suggested hotels will be provided in due course. The meeting will be conducted in English and French and documentation issued in the same languages. Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate at this meeting.
- 5. Documentation for the meeting is being prepared based on reports of APIRG subsidiary bodies (namely IIM and AAO Sub-groups), and will be posted on the ICAO public websites (<a href="http://www.icao.int/esaf">http://www.icao.int/esaf</a> and <a href="http://www.icao.int/esaf"
- 6. Your State/Organization is strongly encouraged to contribute to the deliberations of the APIRG/22 meeting with working and information papers (WPs/IPs) related to the issues reflected in the tentative agenda of the meeting. Furthermore, in order to facilitate preparations for the meeting, the papers should be forwarded to the Secretariat by e-mail to the following address:

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<u>icaoesaf@icao.int</u>, and copy to <u>icaowacaf@icao.int</u> not later than 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and, where possible, be in both English and French languages. In accordance with the APIRG Decision 11/23, Working Papers received after the above date will be distributed only in the language in which they are received, without translation, and hard copy (paper) documents will not be provided at the meeting. Accordingly, it is important for delegates to bring along computer equipment to enable them to access documentation and to participate effectively in the meeting.

- 7. Please be informed that the APIRG/22 meeting will be held together with the Fifth meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/5), scheduled for **the same period** details of which will be highlighted in the tentative agenda.
- 8. Kindly advise us of your Administration's/Organization's intention to participate at the APIRG/22 meeting as soon as possible but in any case not later than **5 July 2019**, giving the names and functions of your participant(s) and advise them to confirm their attendance by registering online on the ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices' websites (<a href="http://www.icao.int/esaf">http://www.icao.int/esaf</a> and <a href="http://www.icao.int/esaf">http://www.icao.int/esaf</a>

Yours sincerely,

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