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Subject: Virtual Workshop on the establishment of an effective Search and Rescue (SAR) organization, 8 - 9 October and 12 November 2020

Action Required: Please confirm your participation preferably not later than 6 October 2020

Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to the APIRG Conclusion 20/10 on SAR, the Abuja Safety Targets related to SAR and the AFI Plan SAR project which aims to provide assistance to States to establish an effective, robust and operational SAR organization.

Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate to the virtual workshop aimed at assisting States in establishing efficient national Search and Rescue (SAR) Organizations, scheduled for 8 to 9 October and 12 November 2020, from 10:30 to 14:30 UTC.

To take full advantage of the workshop, the participation of Senior Management personnel in addition to technical and operational Experts of all agencies involved in the organisation and provision of SAR services, including militaries, is highly recommended.

The workshop will be conducted in English and French languages with simultaneous interpretation. The documentation will be issued in English and made available prior to the workshop at <https://www.icao.int/WACAF/Pages/SAR2020.aspx>.

You will find in appendices the Provisional Work programme, the Lomé Declaration and Plan of Action, the AFI SAR gap analysis questionnaire (in English and French) and the recommended list of recommended national Agencies involved in SAR.

Participants are kindly requested to register online at the following link:
https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErduyqgj8vEt3YIfElobN2_g-tSxiN7nv

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

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Regional Director

Appendices :

- Appendix A: Provisional Work programme
- Appendix B1: Lomé Declaration (French & English)
- Appendix B2: Plan of Action
- Appendix C: AFI SAR Gap Analysis Questionnaire
- Appendix D: Agencies involved in SAR: