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Subject: **Virtual Special Meeting of the SAT Group**

Action required: *Please reply not later than 7 July 2021*

Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to the Twenty-Fourth Meeting for the improvement in the provision of air traffic services in the South Atlantic (SAT/24) Conclusion 24/08 on SAT Vision, CONOPS and Implementation Plans, which states inter alia, "That,

- a) The SAT Group identify initiatives in the NAT Vision 2030 project in order to harmonize operations, infrastructure and programmes with the aim of achieving a safer, more efficient, environmentally responsible and more cost effective ATS service over the entire Atlantic Ocean;
- b) Reconstitute the SAT Study Group on the Improvement of the Airspace Structure to coordinate the development and adoption of a SAT Vision document, Concepts of Operation and an implementation roadmap;
- c) Rename the SAT Study Group on the Improvement of Airspace Structure (IAS/SG) to SAT Atlantic Implementation Management Group (SAT IMG) and request the Secretariat to align its Terms of Reference and work programme accordingly; and
- d) SAT Group assigns the responsibility for PBCS implementation in the SAT area, beginning with the EUR/SAM corridor as a priority, to the IMG.

I wish further to refer to the Summary of discussions from the Second ICAO Atlantic Coordination Meeting (ACM/2), hosted by the Director Air Navigation Bureau (D/ANB) in Montreal, Canada from 18 to 20 February 2020. It was agreed to apply a three-level approach (Level-1 SAT with high-level participation, Level-2 IMG/SMG coordination groups, Level 3 technical groups to support implementation for IMG and three regional RMAs plus LHD groups to support safety relevant aspects for SMG). The meeting agreed to the following implementation plan:

- i. ASECNA and France to submit these proposals (structure, concept of operations (CONOPS), vision document) and related Terms of Reference (ToRs) to SAT – IMG – SOG/SMG by 8 May 2020. ICAO Dakar to distribute the new material to all SAT stakeholders for approval by SAT/25 (June 2020);
- ii. ICAO Dakar to transmit these new proposals and ToRs to GREPECAS via Mexico and Angola and South Africa vis Nairobi before SAT/25 meeting;
- iii. SAT to implement the new proposals and ToRs before the end of 2020.

You will recall that the action items in (i) and (ii) above have been completed; however, item (iii) is still pending.

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I would therefore like to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the Virtual Special Meeting on the improvement of Air Traffic Services over the South Atlantic (SAT/S) on **14 July 2021**, aiming to discuss the implementation of the structure, vision document, concept of operations (CONOPS), the preparation for the election of Chairpersons and related ToRs.

The meeting will be conducted in English and documentation be issued in English and made available at the link <https://www.icao.int/WACAF/Pages/SAT2021.aspx>. You will find attached to this letter, the provisional Work Programme.

Participants are kindly requested to register online at [https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsd-ihTgoGtbn8\\_YvZNV3ckmreIFJ2MSI](https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsd-ihTgoGtbn8_YvZNV3ckmreIFJ2MSI)

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



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#### **Attachment A: Provisional Work Programme**

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