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1ST ARAST AND 9TH SARAST MEETINGS

19-21 NOVEMBER, 2008

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to draw your kind attention to my letter of even reference dated 17th June 2008 (copy attached) wherein an invitation was extended to your administration, the industry personnel functioning under your jurisdiction and the representatives of COSCAP-SA Partners / donors to attend the 1st Meeting of the Asia Regional Aviation Safety Team (ARAST) and 9th Meeting of the South Asia Regional Aviation Safety Team (SARAST) -Flight Operations, Air Traffic Management and General Components which were to be held from 09-11 September 2008 at ICAO Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand.

Consequent to the sudden overcasting of the security situation in Bangkok, the meeting had to be called off at short notice conveyed to you in terms of the email dated 04th September 2008 (copy attached),

We are now informed that the status of emergency declared by the Government of Thailand in Bangkok has been lifted and the general life in the city has returned to normalcy.

In the circumstances, I am pleased to inform you that steps have been taken to reschedule the aforementioned meetings as follows, at the Regional Office, Bangkok, in close coordination with the other two sister COSCAPS functioning in Asia viz. COSCAP-NA and COSCAP-SEA.

1st ARAST meeting – 19-20 November 2008 (common for all three COSCAP)
9th SARAST meeting - 21 November 2008 (confined to COSCAP-SA)

I shall therefore be thankful if you would kindly intimate to your staff who are involved in the SARAST activities and who were scheduled to attend the meeting and also the relevant Air Operators and ATM Service Providers functioning under your jurisdiction about the change of the date of this meeting and encourage their active participation at these two important meetings which has direct bearing on promotion of aviation safety.

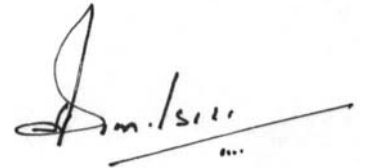


Please find attached Registration Form, Information Bulletin and a list of recommended hotels in Bangkok and other pertinent information applicable to these meetings.

The participants who had registered earlier for the previous dates are also kindly requested to re-register for this meeting, in order to facilitate logistics arrangements. However, if a participant has already registered with any of the three COSCAPs for the 1st ARAST as per the reschedule, they need not register again with COSCAP-SA, unless they intend attending the 9th SARAST meeting on the 21st November 2008.

In the event you need additional information relating to the previous meetings of the SARAST and its conclusions, please visit the official website of COSCAP-South Asia at www.coscapsa.org.

Yours sincerely,



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COSCAP-South Asia

Enclosure :

1. Distribution List
2. Registration Form
3. Information Bulletin
4. List of Recommended Hotel in Bangkok