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Steering Committee

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Chairman

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Director General,
C.A.A. – Pakistan

Dear Sir / Madam,

8TH SARAST MEETING, 19-20 NOVEMBER 2007 IN BANGKOK

Members

I wish to extend a cordial invitation to your administration to attend the 8th Meeting of the South Asia Regional Aviation Safety Team (SARAST), (Flight Operations and Air Traffic Management Component) which will be held on 19th-20th November 2007 at ICAO Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand.

Chairman,
C.A.A. – Bangladesh

The meeting is expected to review in detail the status of progress made in the local implementation of the Safety Enhancement (SE) Recommendations which have been made by the SARAST and endorsed by the Steering Committee at its previous meetings. It will also examine the strategies / modalities that would be required to give effect to any fresh directions or assignments given to the SARAST by the Steering Committee Meeting at its last meeting. The objective of the meeting in the main is to develop a coherent approach for the achievement of the expected goals as earliest as possible having identified the existing deficiencies/ drawbacks and additional tools needed. It will also help identify new areas of concerns for enhancement of safety and make suitable recommendations to the Steering Committee for fresh directions.

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Director General
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C.A.D. – Maldives

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C.A.A. – Nepal

The 8th SARAST Meeting will be focussing mainly on the safety initiatives relating to Air Traffic Management and Flight Operations and therefore you are kindly requested to compose the team of participants from your administration who are specialized in either functional areas to attend this meeting.

Director General
C.A.A. – Sri Lanka

Attached for your review and comment is a draft Agenda for the subject meeting. If there is any other item which is not included in the draft Agenda but considered to be critical to aviation safety, you may without any hesitation whatsoever, please submit such for the consideration of the SARAST and necessary action. Detailed work programme of the Meeting together with other pertinent documentation will be forwarded to you shortly.

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Also attached for your review and update is the Implementation Status Report of SARAST Recommendations. The fresh Conclusions of the Steering Committee on SARAST issue would be communicated to you as and when such would be available. You are kindly requested to furnish to this office early with an update concerning the status of implementation of SE in your State. Enclosed please find a Tracking System developed by this office for this purpose and I wish to inform you that it would be published in the COSCAP-SA official website soon.

Representatives of
Donor Agencies /
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The Focal Points and the addressees are kindly requested to encourage participation by the nominated Team Members, both from the respective Civil Aviation





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Administrations, Air Traffic Management Service Providers, Airlines, and other relevant organizations. Continuity of the already nominated Team Members and their regular participation at the SARAST meeting is of paramount importance to review the progress, ensure thorough discussions and timely action on implementation of the recommendations which will be key to the success of the meeting.

Also, you may kindly pass this information to the respective Air Operators and ATM service providers functioning under your jurisdiction and provide us with details of their participation at the meeting, as early as possible, as this office does not intend sending separate invitation to them.

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