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Subject : **First Meeting of the Trans-Regional Airspace and Supporting ATM Systems Steering Group (TRASAS/1) (Paris, 2-3 May 2007)**

Action required : as per paragraphs 5 and 6

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to refer to discussions at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the North Atlantic Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG/42), in June 2006, where it was recognised that a coordinated effort of the international civil aviation community would be needed to implement future stakeholder requirements. These efforts would involve States and Organisations from four of the ICAO Regions, namely Asian (ASIA), European (EUR), North Atlantic (NAT) and Pacific (PAC) Regions. The establishment of a *Trans-Regional Airspace and Supporting ATM Systems Steering Group (TRASAS)* was therefore proposed.

2. The TRASAS proposal was fully supported by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Regional Coordination Meeting (IRCM/2) in September 2006, held between the Asia/Pacific, the Middle East and European/North Atlantic Regional Offices of ICAO. Also the 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Air Navigation Planning Group (EANPG/48) in November 2006 fully supported the proposal (EANPG Conclusion 48/15 refers). In this respect, the EANPG/48 tasked the ICAO Regional Director, Europe & North Atlantic, to continue the required co-ordination process in order to organise the first meeting of TRASAS in the first half of 2007.

3. I have thus the pleasure to invite you to the First Meeting of the Trans-Regional Airspace and Supporting ATM Systems Steering Group (TRASAS/1) which will take place at the ICAO European and North Atlantic Office in Paris from **2 to 3 May 2007**. The meeting will commence at **10:00 hours** and registration of delegates at 09:30 hours.

4. The objective of the first meeting will be to establish the Working Methods, Structure and a Work Programme, including time frames and deliverables. The TRASAS is intended as a high level steering group and it is therefore appropriate that major stakeholders attend this first meeting to establish policy guidelines on particular issues and delegate action to the appropriate technical body/bodies. The Proposed Agenda (WP/1) and Proposed Terms of Reference of the TRASAS Group (WP/2) are enclosed for your information.

5. I would appreciate receiving the name(s) of your appointed representatives before **17 April 2007**. A list of hotels and other information to make your stay more enjoyable can be found on our web site at: [www.paris.icao.int/practical\\_info/main\\_practical\\_info.htm](http://www.paris.icao.int/practical_info/main_practical_info.htm).

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6. The meeting will work in English. Working documentation should reach the Secretariat by **17 April 2007** (email: [icaournat@paris.icao.int](mailto:icaournat@paris.icao.int)) so that it can be made available for upload on [www.paris.icao.int](http://www.paris.icao.int). Access to the website will be password protected and access will be given to all nominated participants. A hotspot for Wi-Fi connection to the Internet is available in the premises of the Regional Office for those wishing to view papers on-line or to download documentation. Please inform the Secretariat in advance if you require paper copies of documentation at the meeting site.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Karsten Theil  
ICAO Regional Director  
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Enclosures: Proposed Agenda (WP/1)  
Proposed Terms of Reference of TRASAS (WP/2)