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Dear Colleague,

**WORKSHOP FOR STRATEGIC SAFETY ACTION PLAN CLOSURE AND  
FORMAL LAUNCH OF NEW EUROPEAN SAFETY PROGRAMME –  
28 FEBRUARY 2006**

With our stakeholders, the EUROCONTROL Agency and the Safety Regulation Commission are committed to maintain the drive towards further safety enhancement. We are building on the success of the Strategic Safety Action Plan (SSAP) with a follow-on structured programme.

The European Safety Programme (ESP) for ATM is that new programme. It combines elements of safety management, safety regulation, as well as the relevant work related to ATM system safety defences. The ESP is forward looking to raise safety standards in the light of growth of air traffic. Moreover it has been designed to satisfy Stakeholder demands for implementation actions that are visible, measurable and short-term driven. The ESP will focus safety enhancements in areas where the greatest benefit will be gained. A stated aim of the ESP is to raise the maturity of ATM safety systems across the ECAC states to a common minimum level of maturity by the end of 2008.

To this end we would like to mark the SSAP formal closure whilst simultaneously launching this important new ESP, at a workshop to be held in Brussels on 28 February 2006.

The purpose of the workshop is to present the high level results of SSAP; to introduce the details of the new safety programme; get the widest possible awareness of ESP; and last but not least to discuss the means for improving stakeholders' involvement and delivery of improvements. Special emphasis will be placed on incident reporting in a "just culture" environment.

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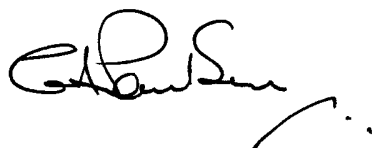
Accordingly, we are inviting you to participate in this event. It is expected that attendance will comprise senior representatives from ATM Safety regulators and ANSPs, airspace users, military, professional associations, air traffic controllers, pilots, as well as staff who had responsibility for reporting SSAP implementation and the future ESP focal points in States. Other parties involved in the safety management and safety regulation processes will also be very welcome.

Details of the Workshop and a registration form are enclosed. Please send completed forms to Ms. Leila Ikan at [Leila.ikan@eurocontrol.int](mailto:Leila.ikan@eurocontrol.int) or by fax to +32 2 729 9082, by 21 February 2006. There is no fee for attending the workshop, but other expenses (travel, accommodation etc) are the participants' responsibility.

Please also be aware that we have engaged ESR Technology Aviation (formerly know as AEA Technology) consultants to conduct an independent study on improvement made in ATM safety across ECAC, following similar studies in 2002 and 2004. We all share the same responsibility and concern for safety of our skies and we know we can count on you to give this study your full support.

We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues at the end of February and to continue our fruitful cooperation in this priority area.

Yours sincerely,



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Director ATM Programmes



Ron Elder  
SRC Chairman

*Enclosures: Workshop Details and Registration Form*