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Subject : **Appreciation of support to volcanic ash exercises in the far eastern part of the EUR Region – VOLKAM**

Dear Mr. Neradko,

1. I would like to thank you, as well as Mr. Yuri Tokarev, Head of FATA Air Traffic Management Department, Mr. Igor Moiseenko, Director General, State ATM Corporation and Mr. Yuri Samoylov, Director, North East Air Navigation Branch of State ATM Corporation for the excellent arrangements of the recent Thirteenth meeting of the Volcanic Ash Exercises Steering Group for the (far) eastern part of the ICAO EUR Region (EUR (EAST) VOLCEX/SG/13) held on August 7-9, 2018 in Magadan, Russian Federation.

2. This meeting successfully led by Alexey Buevich, Head of ATFM & Strategic Planning Main ATM Center of Russia State ATM Corporation, planned for the next volcanic ash exercise in Kamchatka called VOLKAM19 which included active participation from North East Air Navigation. VOLKAM19 is of particular importance in that reroute information using Dynamic Airborne Reroute Procedure (DARP)-like method via Controller-Pilot Data Link Communications (CPDLC) will be exchanged from one ACC to another via ATS Interfacility Data Communications (AIDC) or On-Line Data Interchange (OLDI). This will be tested between ACCs Edmonton and Anchorage, Anchorage and Magadan, and Magadan and Khabarovsk. This practice will assist operators and ANSPs in real volcanic ash events in that significantly less time will be needed by stakeholders in sharing reroute information. The operators and ANSPs have expressed their gratitude on continued coordination amongst VOLKAM participants as this work has improved safety and efficiency of international civil aviation for volcanic ash events in the far eastern part of the ICAO EUR and Northern Pacific.


3. I would also like to thank the local staff at North East Air Navigation Branch of State ATM Corporation, in particular Mr. Petr Tsyarkin, Air Traffic Manager of Magadan ACC, as well as Ms. Anna Kuznetsova, Senior specialist for English language training and interpreter of North East Air Navigation, who helped make the Thirteenth meeting of the Volcanic Ash Exercises Steering Group for the (far) eastern part of the ICAO EUR Region (EUR (EAST) VOLCEX/SG/13) a successful event.

4. I look forward to continue working with you in the future on preparing and conducting successful volcanic ash exercises in the far eastern part of the ICAO EUR Region.

Yours sincerely,

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