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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 wish to thank you and the management of FATA and State ATM Corporation for the excellent arrangements of the recent Fifteenth meeting of the Volcanic Ash Exercises Steering Group for the (far) eastern part of the ICAO EUR Region (EUR (EAST) VOLCEX/SG/15) held from July 23-25, 2019 in Magadan, Russian Federation.

2. This meeting successfully led by Alexey Buevich, Head of Strategic Planning Division, Main ATM Center, and assisted by Ms. Elena Glukhovskaya, Head Expert of FATA Air Traffic Management Department, planned for the next volcanic ash exercise in Kamchatka called VOLKAM20 which included active participation from North East Air Navigation. VOLKAM20 is of particular importance in that reroute information 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 Russian Federation and Northern Pacific.

3. I would also like to thank the local staff at North East Air Navigation Branch of State ATM Corporation of Russia, who helped make the Fifteenth meeting of the Volcanic Ash Exercises Steering Group for the (far) eastern part of the ICAO EUR Region (EUR (EAST) VOLCEX/SG/15) 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 Russian Federation.

Yours sincerely,

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