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**Global Dialogue Forum on the Effects of the
Global Economic Crisis on the Civil Aviation Industry
(Geneva, 20-22 February 2013)**

Dear Sir,

In accordance with a decision taken by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office at its 315th Session (June 2012), I have pleasure in inviting your organization to be represented as an observer at the *Global Dialogue Forum on the Effects of the Global Economic Crisis on the Civil Aviation Industry*, which will be held at the ILO, Geneva, Switzerland from 20 to 22 February 2013. The opening sitting will begin at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 20 February.

The Forum will discuss the effects of the economic crisis in the civil aviation industry, in order to reach a common understanding of the difficulties the industry has undergone due to the structural change, and a better understanding of the effects of the low-cost carrier model on the industry as a whole, as well as consensus on a common approach that could contribute to a more sustainable industry.

The Forum will be composed of delegates from all interested governments, ten Employer representatives and ten Worker representatives appointed by the Governing Body on the basis of nominations submitted by the Director-General after consultations with the Employers' and the Workers' groups, respectively. It will examine a report prepared by the Office, in English, French and Spanish, which will be sent to you under separate cover. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the Forum in appropriate languages.

Should your organization be able to accept this invitation, I would be grateful if you could let me know by **30 November 2012** at the latest the name, title and address of the person who will represent it (facsimile: +41 22 799 7050 or email: sectormeetings@ilo.org). I would like to remind you that the travel and subsistence expenses of representatives of international non-governmental organizations are not borne by the ILO.

Please note that the Office does not supply insurance cover for participants. They are therefore responsible for obtaining health insurance valid for the entire duration of the Forum, including time spent travelling to and from the event.

Finally, I should like to draw your attention to the advisability of reserving your hotel accommodation as soon as possible, as the ILO is not equipped to make these arrangements. Representatives requiring entry visas for Switzerland, which is now part of the Schengen group (EU), will need to obtain these in their own countries well in advance of their departure.

Yours faithfully,
For the Director-General:



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