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-To whom it may concern -

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Invitation to:

Pilot Age Limits Workshop
18 & 19 March 2019

Dear Madam / Sir,

I am pleased to invite you or your designated representative(s) to attend the above mentioned event to be held in Cologne, Germany, at the **EASA Direktion premises**, on 18 and 19 of March 2019.

Pilot age limits are intended to mitigate the risk of a sudden incapacitation due to the higher cardiovascular risk and the degenerative effect of ageing on all body systems.

Throughout the aviation history age limits have been increased along with the increase of human life expectancy and decrease of mortality and morbidity due to age related medical conditions. The current age limit for pilots was increased by ICAO in 2006 from 60 to 65 subject to the other pilot being below the age of 60. The restriction of having the second pilot below the age of 60 was removed in 2012, leading to the current implemented age limits of 65 years old in multi-pilot operations and 60 years old in single pilot commercial air transport (CAT) operations.

In 2016, during the ICAO Assembly, Japan informed ICAO and the other States that they are considering to increase the age limit to 68 under certain conditions. Furthermore, several ICAO States removed their age limits for pilots within their national systems.

The national retirement age among EU Member States varies and are increasingly above the age of 65. Life expectancy in a majority of EU States has also increased over the last 10 years.

Taking into consideration the aspects mentioned above, EASA outsourced a research study commencing in late 2017 to evaluate if and how the increase of life expectancy is linked with the morbidity rates, and consequently the incidence and effect of age related medical conditions for pilots.

The aim of this workshop is to present the result of the study, learn about other practices and consult with the main stakeholders on the evolution.

You are invited to confirm your participation by **01 March 2019 at the latest**, to:

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The agenda for the workshop will be published on EASA website. In case you would like to give a presentation in regard to the topic of the workshop you are invited to contact Dr. Panait.

Please note that our limited room capacity and access policy at the EASA Headquarters does not enable to accept registration after 01 March 2019 or beyond 200 participants. The registration of the nominations will be on first come first served basis. We also kindly remind you that any expenses arising as a result of this meeting are not subject to reimbursement by EASA.

To facilitate the travel arrangements, please be informed that the workshop is scheduled to take place as follows:

- 18th March – Workshops registration starts at 13:00 and meeting is planned to start at 13:30 with closing time planned for approximately 17:00
- 19th March – Workshop starts at 09:00 with closing time planned for approximately 16:00

I would like to thank you in advance for your contribution and look forward welcoming you in Cologne,

Yours faithfully,



Bernard BOURDON