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Plan B: Alternate destination Paris/France

Dear Colleagues,

The IFATSEA Executive Board held a special meeting took place this week (8-9 March 2010) in Amsterdam, to give careful consideration to the position with regard to the IFATSEA General Assembly 2010, originally planned in Niger (Niamey). Following recent events in that country, we had received numerous expressions of serious concerns with regard to the full participation in the Assembly in 2010 in Niger.

The Executive Board wishes to ensure the maximum participation in order to promote a productive and representative Assembly. Referring to the rationale you provided, and the anticipated reduced participation of IFATSEA affiliates, the Executive Board has decided that it is necessary to opt for an alternate destination ('Plan B'), due to exceptional circumstances and uncertainty of the duration of the transition phase to a stable government in Niger.

Our French affiliate UNSA-IESSA has very kindly offered Paris to be the alternate destination. As our French colleagues hold the most recent organising data (following the Assembly last year in Toulouse), the Executive Board has decided to hold the next Assembly in Paris from 25 to 29 October 2010. It should also facilitate visa applications for those attendees who will require them. The details will be communicated to you shortly and also available on www.ifatsea.org.

I thank ANIPROM Niger for their work in preparing for the 2010 Assembly and comprehension. I also thank UNSA-IESSA for their generous offer to this Plan B.

We look forward to meeting you all in Paris.

Sincerely Yours

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