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Originally trained and fully licensed as air traffic controller, Mr Karsten Theil's area of expertise is air navigation services. Throughout his 34-year career with the Civil Aviation Administration of Denmark Karsten served in several management positions and gained a broad knowledge of all aspects of civil aviation. Karsten represented Denmark in several working groups and conferences of ICAO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Civil Aviation Conference, EUROCONTROL and the European Union.

Karsten served as the Representative of Denmark on the Council of ICAO from 1995-1998. At ICAO's Eleventh Air Navigation Conference in 2003 he was elected Chairman of Committee A. He served as Chairman of the North Atlantic Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG) and was Chairman of the European Air Navigation Planning Group (EANPG) until his appointment as ICAO Regional Director, in 2004.

In that capacity, Karsten now serves as the Secretary of the NAT SPG and the EANPG and was therefore deeply involved in the development of the revised Volcanic Ash Contingency Plan for the EUR and the NAT Regions, incorporating the decisions by the States in reaction to the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull



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