



**Agenda Item 6**

**AGA Developments and Follow-up**

**6.1 Follow-up to activities and regional implementation related with  
Emergency Plans and Emergency Operations Centres**

**EMERGENCY PLANS AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRES**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this working paper is to inform the Meeting on GREPECAS Conclusion 14/29, adopted for the CAR Region, which stated that ICAO should coordinate an English speaking workshop on emergency plans and emergency operations centres (EOC); and inform the Meeting that the five days Seminar/Workshop has been approved by ICAO Headquarters in Montreal, and is planned to be held at the end of 2008.

*Strategic  
Objectives*

*This working paper relates to Strategic Objective A.*

**1. Introduction**

1.1 In accordance with Annex14 – Aerodromes requirements, States should establish an emergency plan for each airport regarding aeronautical operations and other activities developed at the airport. It has been established that an emergency operations centre should exist to deal with emergency situations at each airport.

1.2 Each aerodrome operator must recognize the possibility that an aircraft accident on the airport or in its vicinity can take place. For airports serving commercial aviation, this imposes a special responsibility to plan for the saving of human lives through the provision of competent rescue and fire-fighting services.

**2. Discussion**

2.1 Regarding this issue, the ICAO Council has approved a Special Implementation Project (SIP) for the Caribbean Region on the above-mentioned subject. This SIP supports GREPECAS Conclusions 13/33 and 14/29, which states that a five-day English language workshop on Emergency Plans and Emergency Operations Centre implementation for regulators and airport operators of CAR States be coordinated by the North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Office. Approved funding for the SIP will cover all instructor expenses and a portion of interpretation services.

2.2 The objective of the event will be to provide NACC States with improved understanding of the requirement to provide adequate Aerodrome Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) services; assist them with the development of ICAO compliant airport emergency plans and emergency operations centre implementation; and improve understanding of implementation issues related to airport emergency planning in order to enhance coordination and cooperation among the agencies involved, thus improving safety, efficiency and continuity of operations.

2.3 Considering the above, the ICAO NACC Regional Office will organize and provide technical support with instructors and has approached English speaking States to enquiry who might be interested in hosting the seminar/workshop during the last quarter of 2008. Once the NACC Office receives proposals from possible host States, further details will be provided and States will be notified about the selected venue and further information on the event.

### **3. Suggested Actions**

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) take note of the information presented in this paper; and
- b) approach the ICAO NACC Regional Office if their State/Territory is interested in the convening of this event.