

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
FIRST MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF CIVIL AVIATION OF THE
CARIBBEAN REGION (CAR/DCA/1)

(Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, 8-11 October 2002)

Agenda Item 4: Air Navigation

4.5 MET Developments

TRAINING OF AERONAUTICAL METEOROLOGICAL PERSONNEL IN THE
CAR/SAM REGIONS

SUMMARY

The aim of this paper is to inform the meeting that the Air Navigation Commission sharing concern expressed by GREPECAS, supports the proposal to implement a joint training project between ICAO and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to provide trained personnel in the aeronautical meteorological field faced by CAR/SAM regions.

(Presented by the Secretariat)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The tenth meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS/10) was held in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Spain from 23 to 27 October 2001. The Air Navigation Commission referred the GREPECAS/10 Report and the associated air navigation working paper (AN-WP/7715) to its working Group on Regional Plans (WG/RPL) for review. The WG/RPL reviewed the report on 13 March 2002 and submitted its views thereon to the Commission in AN-WP/7736, which was reviewed by the Commission on 28 May 2002.

1.2 The Commission's comments and proposals for action by the Council on conclusions of the meeting, as well as action taken by the Commission under delegated authority, are presented in this working paper.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 In reviewing the report of the meeting, the Commission noted that GREPECAS, with the assistance of its contributory bodies, had examined the air navigation matters of the CAR/SAM Regions with the aim of improving the planning for air navigation facilities, services and procedures in the region, as well as fostering their implementation.

2.2 Sharing the concern expressed by GREPECAS, the Commission supported the proposal to implement a joint training project between ICAO and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to provide short and long term solutions to the lack of trained personnel in States in the CAR/SAM Regions in the field of aeronautical meteorology, which Conclusion 10/39 refers. However, the Commission noted that, in accordance with the *Working Arrangements between the International Civil Aviation Organization and the World Meteorological Organization* (Doc 7475), WMO is the organization responsible for the qualifications of meteorological personnel engaged in the provision of meteorological service for international air navigation and as such this conclusion should be addressed to WMO. Request was addressed to the Secretary General to invite WMO to consider developing and implementing this project in coordination with ICAO.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is asked to note the contents of this paper.