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Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 9 to 13 February 2004

Agenda Item 3:   **Specific Air Navigation Activities and Developments**
                              3.4   Aerodromes (AGA)

CERTIFICATION AND AUDITS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This paper presents the latest information reported to ICAO in relation to the implementation of aerodrome certification in States in the C/CAR Region. The Meeting is invited to update the information for States and Territories in the Central Caribbean Region. The paper also presents to the Meeting for information the ICAO preparatory activities for the USOAP audits in Aerodromes.

References:

- Annex 14 – Vol. I, Amendment 4 dated 1 November 2001
- Doc. 9774 – Aerodrome Certification Manual, 2001 Edition
- Final Report of the Sixth Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Central Caribbean (Bahamas, July 2003)
- Final Report of the GREPECAS AGA/AOP/SG/3 Meeting (Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, October 2003)
- C-WP/12127 (23/10/03) – Progress of the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme
- C-WP/12135 (21/11/03) - Review of the Secretary General's Report to Council on the Continuation of the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme

1.   Introduction

1.1   CAR/SAM States/Territories reviewed the status report on aerodrome certification implementation during the Third Meeting of the GREPECAS Aerodromes and Ground Aids/Aerodrome Operational Planning Subgroup, held in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, from 30 September to 3 October 2003.

1.2   The updated status report on aerodrome certification implementation in the C/CAR Region based on the information provided and updated by States at the Third Meeting of the GREPECAS Aerodromes and Ground Aids/Aerodrome Operational Planning Subgroup is included in the **Appendix** to this paper.

1.3   Besides the ICAO Aerodrome Certification Workshops held in Trinidad and Tobago in May 2002 (English) and in Chile in September 2002 (Spanish), ICAO, in cooperation with the United States, organised the ICAO/US Airport Certification Inspector Workshops for the CAR/SAM Regions in Miami, United States, from 15 to 19 September 2003 for English speaking States and from 6 to 10 October 2003 for Spanish speaking States. Both Workshops had the participation of 49 delegates from 26 CAR/SAM States. The Central Caribbean Region was represented in both Workshops by Cayman Islands, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica and Netherlands Antilles.

1.4   Regarding the progress of the preliminary work programme of the expansion of the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme to Aerodromes, it must be pointed out that the ICAO Council has deemed appropriate to review the preliminary work programme, since it should cover all Annexes and all areas. This will therefore create an effective and efficient Integrated Audit System that will benefit the management of the resources involved. The aforementioned concept will be presented during the 35th Session of the Assembly in September 2004. These actions will delay the beginning of the USOAP Expansion Programme to the year 2005.

2.   Action by the Meeting

2.1   Since the Aerodromes Certification Standard of Annex 14, Vol. I is effective, the Meeting is invited to note the contents of this paper and to update the information corresponding to the aerodrome certification implementation process in their respective States/Territories, and submit this to the Secretariat during the Meeting to enable the results to be presented in the meeting report. Also, to make any comments regarding the progress status of the USOAP Expansion Programme.

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Aerodrome Certification Implementation in the C/CAR Region States/Territories as of February 2004			
State/Territory	**Certification System Implementation Progress/Status**	**Certification Commencement Date**	**Remarks**
Aruba	Implemented	-----	
Bahamas	Did not report to ICAO	?	
Cuba	Implemented	-----	
Dominican Republic	In the process of amending legislation to include aerodrome certification and has developed the associated regulations	2004	
Haiti	The regulations for aerodrome certification and the licensing system are in preparation	2004	
Jamaica	Implemented	-----	
Netherlands Antilles	The Council of Ministers has passed aviation legislation - Government Decree "Civil Aviation Safety Oversight" which requires all airports within the Netherlands Antilles engaged in international air services to be certified since 27 November 2003. Aerodrome Manual Working Group, established to prepare airports.	2004	

United Kingdom [3]
   Cayman Islands
   Turks and Caicos
	A partial aerodrome certification/licensing system is in place which will be replaced by new regulatory powers and systems including aerodrome certification.	2004	

(1) CARICOM member States of Regional Aviation Safety Oversight System (RASOS) have approved the establishment of an Aerodrome Certification Working Group (AC/WG) to provide support to States for aerodrome certification to be implemented by 27 November 2003 and prepare for ICAO USOAP Aerodromes audits.

(2) The United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority has established the Air Safety Support International (ASSI) to help provide a civil aviation safety regulation system in the UK Overseas Territories. It is responsible for supporting the Territories' existing authorities in the safety regulation of all aspects of civil aviation, including the licensing of personnel and the certification of aircraft, airlines, airports and air traffic control.