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Agenda Item 3: Air Navigation Developments
3.5 Air Navigation Deficiencies

**SPECIFIC AIR NAVIGATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION DEFICIENCIES IN THE
EASTERN CARIBBEAN**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This working paper presents updated information on the priority “A”, “B” and “U” air navigation deficiencies of the Eastern Caribbean States/Territories, in each of the air navigation fields, as well as on the action taken by States/Territories in resolving the aforementioned deficiencies</p>
<p>References:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GREPECAS/13 Meeting (Santiago, Chile 14 to 18 November 2005)• GREPECAS/12 Meeting (Havana, Cuba 7-11 June 2004)

1. Introduction

1.1 Based on the uniform methodology for the identification, assessment and reporting of Air Navigation deficiencies formulated and updated by the ICAO Council, the GREPECAS and its Contributory Bodies periodically review the status of implementation of the CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan, with a view to determining and evaluating the deficiencies in the air navigation fields within the CAR/SAM Regions.

1.2 In this regard, and following Decision 9/20 of GREPECAS/9 Meeting, the Aviation Safety Board (ASB), based on its terms of reference, has evaluated, supervised and monitored the deficiencies that have a direct impact on safety and requiring urgent corrective actions, classified as “U”, in the air navigation fields in the CAR/SAM Regions and has developed appropriate action to contribute to their correction.

1.3 The GREPECAS, at its periodic meetings, reviews and takes appropriate action on the air navigation deficiencies classified as “A” (necessary for air navigation safety) and “B” (necessary for the regularity and efficiency of air navigation).

1.4 GREPECAS recommended taking full advantage of the potential of the electronically available GREPECAS Air Navigation Deficiencies Database (GANDD) on the NACC Office website, providing updated information for said database, and in this regard, Mr. Gabriel Meneses was named as focal point: gmeneses@mexico.icao.int

2. Discussion

2.1 The review of Air Navigation deficiencies is also the responsibility of civil aviation authorities. The Directors of Civil Aviation of the Eastern Caribbean should take note of these deficiencies and take action to resolve them. To this end, the Directors are presented with the outstanding deficiencies in **Appendix A**; deficiencies where action plans for their correction have been submitted in accordance with GREPECAS Conclusion 11/55: *Action Plan for the Resolution of Air Navigation Deficiencies* are shown in **Appendix B** to this working paper. **Appendix C** contains information on those deficiencies corrected or eliminated in 2004 and 2005.

2.2 When reviewing the Appendices to this working paper, the Meeting may note that not all the E/CAR States/Territories have informed the ICAO NACC Regional Office on the Action Plans developed to correct the deficiencies in the air navigation fields. Within this context, and considering the concern that the Air Navigation Commission, the ICAO Council and GREPECAS have repeatedly expressed on the many deficiencies and the time that these have persisted, States/Territories that have not yet taken actions in this regard, are encouraged to take full advantage of the GANDD, as per the NACC/DCA/2 Meeting Conclusion 2/28, submitting or updating plans for the resolution of regional air navigation deficiencies presented in **Appendix D**. Likewise, due note should also be taken by the aviation authorities on their responsibility under Article 28 of the Chicago Convention for providing safe, regular and efficient air navigation services.

2.3 The Meeting should also take into account GREPECAS Decision 12/124, which urges States to eliminate urgent deficiencies within next two years, and subsequently the GREPECAS/15 meeting would review the deficiencies solution status with a view to considering the application of last resort action, after exhausting all the alternatives, wherever applicable.

3. Suggested action

3.1 The Directors of Civil Aviation of the Eastern Caribbean States and Territories are invited to:

- a) note the information contained in Appendices A, B, C and D to this working paper;
- b) use GANDD to correct the respective Air Navigation Deficiencies in their States/Territories;
- c) consider a maximum of two years (**31 December 2007**) States to eliminate “urgent” deficiencies, when the application of “last resort action” will be considered, and
- d) submit or update appropriate Action Plans for the correction of the identified Air Navigation Deficiencies of their States/Territories to the NACC Office by no later than **28 February 2007**.

APPENDIXES A, B, C AND D

WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MEETING