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#### Agenda Item 4: MCI Task Force Activities Report

# PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL CAAMCIRP

(Presented by the Secretariat)

#### **SUMMARY**

This working paper presents to the Meeting with a progress report on the development of the Caribbean Region CAAMCIRP.

#### REFERENCES

- Report of the 1st North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation Meeting (NACC/DCA/1)
- Report of the 18th Meeting of the E/CAR Directors of Civil Aviation, Trinidad and Tobago, 9 to 12 December 2003
- Report of the 7th Meeting of the C/CAR Directors of Civil Aviation, Puerto Rico, 28 June to 2 July 2004
- Report of the 19th Meeting of the E/CAR Directors of Civil Aviation, Christ Church, Barbados, 6 to 9 December 2004
- Report of the 8th Meeting of the C/CAR Directors of Civil Aviation, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, 15 to 18 Mayo 2006
- Report of the 30th Meeting of the E/CAR Working Group, Castries, Saint Lucia, 7 to 11 August 2006

#### 1. **Introduction**

1.1 This paper provides the Meeting with a progress report on the development of the unified Caribbean Regional Civil Aviation Accident Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan (CAMCIRP) and proposes action to be undertaken.

## 2. **Background**

#### 2.1 *NACC/DCA/1 Meeting*

2.1.1 During this Meeting it was considered that the E/CAR and C/CAR efforts could be merged into a unified Caribbean Regional CAMCIRP. The Meeting agreed that the work carried out by E/CAR MCI Task Force was appropriate to meet the objective of the timely preparation of the CAMCIRP and therefore, the NACC/DCA/1 Meeting adopted *Conclusion 1/27 – E/CAR Regional Civil Aviation Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan.* Up to now, it is still pending that CDERA consider the establishment of MoUs or LoAs with CDERA non-member States in the Eastern Caribbean Region to incorporate these in the coverage of the E/CAR Regional CAMCIRP.

## 2.2 18 E/CAR DCA Meeting

2.2.1 In accordance with *Conclusion 17/3 – Civil Aviation Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan for the Eastern Caribbean Region*, the Chairman of the E/CAR SAR Committee, on behalf of the E/CAR MCI Task Force presented the draft Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Accident Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan (E/CAR CAAAMCIRP). The Meeting therefore adopted *Conclusion 18/9 – Caribbean Regional Civil Aviation Accident Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan (CAAMCIRP)*. Up to now, little progress has been made, E/CAR States have not presented their comments to the E/CAR CAAMCIRP, which was set for the final review last 30 June 2004; also the ICAO NACC Regional Office has no knowledge regarding the expansion of the plan with CDERA and PAHO. This action was to be completed on October 2004.

## 2.3 *C/CAR DCA/7 Meeting*

2.3.1 This Meeting reviewed the progress made on *Conclusion 6/10 – Reorganization of the work and attention to the implementation of MCI and SAR Plans in the Central Caribbean* and *Conclusion 18/9 – Caribbean Regional Civil Aviation Accident Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan (CAR CAAMCIRP)*.

#### 2.4 19 E/CAR DCA Meeting

2.4.1 Considering the information provided by CDERA and the importance of completing the CAR CAAMCIR, the Meeting adopted the following:

#### CONCLUSION 19/26

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That,

- a) CDERA coordinate PAHO's continued participation as Rapporteur of the Caribbean MCI Task Force;
- b) The Caribbean MCI Task Force initial composition include Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, United States (Coast Guard), CDERA, PAHO and ICAO; and
- c) CDERA coordinate with the ICAO NACC Office the convening a meeting of the Caribbean MCI Task Force in Barbados in 2005 for the completion of the CAR CAAMCIRP based on the inclusion of the C/CAR States in the existing E/CAR MCI Plan

#### 2.5 8 C/CAR DCA Meeting

2.5.1 Considering that no documentation was received from the Rapporteur on Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI) and that a letter on this matter was sent to PAHO, copied to CDERA, and no response was received to support the inclusion of MCI issues on the Agenda the subject was not addressed. The Secretariat informed that this item would be followed-up by the Eastern Caribbean Working Group and by the Directors.

# 2.6 30 E/CAR WG Meeting

2.6.1 Regarding Mass Casualty (MCI), this matter was not discussed due to the lack of information and progress; the Meeting was not attended by CDERA and PAHO.

#### 3. **Discussion**

3.1 Considering the aforementioned, it can be concluded that little progress has been made to unify the Caribbean Regional CAAMCIRP. Several inquiries were sent by the ICAO NACC Regional Office without response from PAHO or CDERA.

# 4. **Requested Action**

4.1 Based on the above and the lack of activity, the Secretariat recommends that this Agenda Item be removed from further ICAO Meetings until such time as the Task Force Rapporteur provides information.