



Agenda Item 4: Aviation Safety Matters
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HIGH-LEVEL SAFETY CONFERENCE IN 2010

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides information regarding the High-level Safety Conference planned from 29 to 31 March 2010, pursuant to Council decision during its 7th meeting of 185th Session held in November 2008.

It is planned that the Conference will bring together the appropriate level of senior management within States' civil aviation authorities to build consensus, obtain commitments and formulate decisions deemed necessary for the effective and efficient progress of key safety activities by ICAO and Contracting States.

In this regard, a State letter has been circulated seeking States' comments on the need for the Conference as well as on its proposed draft global objectives and outcomes. The comments by States would assist the Council when it is scheduled to discuss the meeting proposals in November 2009 in order to determine the appropriate level of States' representation at the conference. The draft set of outcomes are contained in the **Appendix** to this paper.

References

- Carta a los Estados Ref: AN 12/53-09/51

**STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVES**

This information paper is related to Strategic Objective A.

APPENDIX

High-level Safety Conference Montréal, 29 to 31 March 2010

Global objectives and proposed outcomes

Note.— Objectives 1 and 2 are of an informative nature, intended to provide the broader safety context for the Conference. Objectives 3 through 8 are of an executive nature, intended to seek commitments and generate decisions deemed necessary for the effective and efficient progress of key ICAO activities underway.

Objective 1 The ICAO safety framework

The outcome sought of this objective is to set the foundation for the Conference, by providing a basic understanding of the ICAO safety framework and its evolving Internal Safety Management Process (ISMP).

Objective 2 The evolution of the States audit programme

The Conference will be presented with a report on the evolution of the safety oversight audit process by ICAO, highlighting the transition from periodic compliance audits to safety risk based continuous monitoring.

Objective 3 Managing the transition to a State Safety Programme (SSP) environment

Under this objective, an agreement will be sought from the conference for a “list” of specific activities by ICAO and States and, when applicable, Regional Safety Oversight Organizations, for ensuring safeguards during the transition to an SSP environment.

Objective 4 The link between SSP and Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA)

This objective will seek from the conference an agreement on the link between the SSP and the CMA and the endorsement of specific actions by ICAO and States, so as to strengthen the synergy between the two and to best use the resulting information.

Objective 5 Sharing of safety information

The conference will review and agree on a proposed “list” including the nature of the safety data and information to be shared, and among whom, together with the need for specific partnerships with industry.

Objective 6 The protection of sources of safety information

The conference will discuss and agree on specific interventions by ICAO and by States, and when applicable, Regional Safety Oversight Organizations, to address the political, administrative and practical aspects of the protection of sources of safety information.

Objective 7 New Safety Management Annex

The outcome sought of this objective is agreement regarding the ICAO SSP framework as the basic contents of a new Safety Management Annex, including a declaration about the commitment to not having differences with its provisions.

Objective 8 Harmonization of rules and processes to avoid multiple certification

The conference will be called on to make a commitment to actions to reduce the requirements for certificate holders to comply with multiple sets of similar but yet different requirements under existing multiple certification rules, thus decreasing the administrative and financial burden for certificate holders while addressing the potential safety consequences created by such burden.