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To: States, Territories and International Organizations

Subject: **Invitation to the Third Meeting of the GREPECAS Programmes and Projects Review Committee (PPRC/3) (Mexico City, Mexico, 21 to 23 July 2015)**

Action

Required: **Please reply by 12 June 2015 regarding your participation, comments to the Agenda and presentation of working papers and information papers**

Sir/Madam:

I wish to inform you that the Third Meeting of the GREPECAS Programmes and Projects Review Committee (PPRC/3) will be convened at the ICAO NACC Regional Office in Mexico City, Mexico from 21 to 23 July 2015.

The main objective of this Meeting is to analyse the progress in the implementation of the activities of the projects of the programmes approved by GREPECAS/17 Meeting (Cochabamba, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), from 21 to 25 July 2014), the inclusion, modification and/or cancellation of programmes and projects, the approval of the results of the implementation of programmes and projects, the revision of the status of implementation of conclusions and decisions formulated by GREPECAS/17 Meeting, the resolution of high risk safety air navigation deficiencies, the implementation of regional and State activities, the monitoring and reporting of progress in the achievement of the goals of air navigation as well as the progress in the implementation of intra and inter-regional activities.

The Meeting is addressed to professionals in charge of the planning and implementation of air navigation in the Civil Aviation Authorities of the CAR/SAM Regions States selected as members of the PPRC¹; as well States and International Organizations who are not members but are interested in PPRC/3 Meeting agenda items.

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¹The Member States for the CAR Region (Central American State selected by COCESNA Executive Committee (in rotation) Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Trinidad & Tobago and United States) were defined in the Fourth Meeting of Civil Aviation Directors of North America, Central America and the Caribbean (NACC/DCA/4, held at San Pedro de Sula, Honduras, 20-24 June 2011, under Conclusion 4/1, the Member States of the SAM Region (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Panama, Paraguay and Venezuela) were ratified at the Twelfth Meeting of Civil Aviation Authorities of the SAM Region (RAAC/12), which was held in Lima, Peru, from 3 to 6 October 2011, paragraph 2.3.5 of the Final Report.

Please find enclosed the Draft Agenda and Explanatory Notes (**Attachment A**). The meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation. Please provide comments on the agenda and notification whether your Administration/Organization plans to submit any working and/or information paper(s). If this is the case, the documentation should be sent to this Office using the attached templates (**Attachment B**) by **12 June 2015**, in order to allow its timely translation. If the documentation is presented in both languages, the deadline for submission is **8 July 2015**. Please take note that working papers will not be accepted after this date. All information papers will be presented in their original language only, unless translated versions are provided by the originators of such papers.

Please confirm attendance as soon as possible but not later than **12 June 2015**, by returning the attached Registration Form (**Attachment C**).

The list of suggested hotels, ICAO NACC Regional Office location, hotel sector maps, as well as other useful information are available on the “Visiting Our Office?” section of the ICAO NACC Regional Office website (http://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/visitors_info.aspx). Participants are encouraged to make reservations directly with the hotel(s) in a timely manner.

Note that all the documentation for the meeting will be posted in pdf format in the ICAO SAM Office website: <http://www.icao.int/sam> as it becomes available. I would appreciate you taking into consideration that the aforementioned documentation will not be printed nor distributed at the meeting. Should you have any difficulty in obtaining the required documentation through the webpage, please contact this Regional Office, in a timely manner, in order to be able to provide the necessary guidance.

If you require further information regarding the meeting, please contact Mr. Julio Siu, Regional Officer, Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (jsiu@icao.int) or his Assistant, Ms. Sybil Gomez (sgomez@icao.int).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A digital signature in black ink, slanted upwards from left to right, overlaid on a circular blue stamp. The stamp contains the ICAO logo and the text "ICAO - OACI - WKAO" at the top and "for" at the bottom. The words "Firma Digital" are written in blue on the left side of the stamp, and "Digital Signature" is written in blue on the right side.

for
Melvin Cintron
Regional Director
North American, Central American and
Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office

Enclosure:
As indicated

ATTACHMENT A

THIRD MEETING OF THE GREPECAS PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE (PPRC/3)

(Mexico City, Mexico, from 21 to 23 July 2015)

DRAFT AGENDA

Agenda Item 1: Follow-up status on GREPECAS valid conclusions and decisions and “U” priority air navigation deficiencies in the CAR/SAM Regions

- 1.1 Review of the implementation status of the GREPECAS valid conclusions and decisions
- 1.2 Status of “U” priority air navigation deficiencies in the CAR/SAM Regions

Agenda Item 2: Air navigation activities at global intra and inter-regional level

- 2.1 Result of the Second Planning and Implementation Regional Group (PIRG) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASG) Global Coordination Meeting
- 2.2 Follow-up to the implementation of intra and inter-regional activities
- 2.3 RASG coordination matters

Agenda Item 3: Review of the GREPECAS Programmes and Projects

- 3.1 Projects under the PBN Programme (B0-APTA, B0-FRTO, B0-CDO and B0-CCO)
- 3.2 Projects under the ATFM Programme (B0-SEQ, B0-FRTO, B0-NOPS and B0 ACDM)
- 3.3 Projects under the Automation and ATM Situational Awareness Programme (B0-RSEQ, B0-FICE, B0-SNET, B0-ASUR and B0-SURF)
- 3.4 Projects under the Ground-ground and Air-ground Telecommunications Infrastructure Programme (B0-FICE and B0-TBO)
- 3.5 Projects of the Aerodromes Programme (B0-SURF and B0-ACDM)
- 3.6 Projects of the AIM Programme (B0-DATM)
- 3.7 Projects under the Aeronautical Meteorology Programme (B0-AMET)
- 3.8 Project collaborative process States-Industry for the transition from the current systems to those specified in Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU)

Agenda Item 4: Monitoring and reporting of the implementation of air navigation in the CAR/SAM Regions

Agenda Item 5: Items related with the organization of GREPECAS

- 5.1 Review of the terms of reference and work programme of the GREPECAS Programmes and Projects Review Committee
- 5.2 GREPECAS annual report

Agenda Item 6: Other business

EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE AGENDA FOR THIRD MEETING PPRC/3 MEETING

Agenda Item 1: Follow-up status on GREPECAS valid conclusions and decisions and “U” priority air navigation deficiencies in the CAR/SAM Regions

1.1 Review of the implementation status of the GREPECAS valid conclusions and decisions

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review the implementation status of the conclusions and decisions formulated by the GREPECAS/17 held in Cochabamba, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), from 21 to 25 July 2014, and take the appropriate measures in this respect. On 28 January 2015, the conclusions and decisions of the GREPECAS/17 meeting were reviewed by the Working Group of the Whole for Strategic Review and Planning (AN-WG/SRP) of the Air Navigation Commission.

1.2 Status of “U” priority air navigation deficiencies in the CAR/SAM Regions

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will examine the current status of "U" priority air navigation deficiencies. Likewise, the Meeting follow-up on the application on the new methodology for the identification, assessment and reporting of air navigation deficiencies.

Agenda Item 2: Air navigation activities at global intra and inter-regional level

2.1 Result of the Second Planning and Implementation Regional Group (PIRG) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASG) Global Coordination Meeting

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will examine the results of the Second Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) Coordination Meeting held in Montreal, Canada, on 5 February 2015, with the participation of the Secretaries, Presidents of the PIRGs and RASGs, the President of ICAO Council, the Secretary General and ICAO Air Navigation Bureau Director.

Likewise, the Meeting will be informed on the progress of the development of the new ICAO electronic Air Navigation Plan (e-ANP) and the follow-up to the development of the regional performance dashboard as well as the Air navigation annual report.

2.2 Follow-up to the implementation of intra and inter-regional activities

The Meeting will take note on the relevant implementation activities in air navigation in the States, Territories and International Organizations of the CAR/SAM Regions, as well as inter-regional activities between the CAR and SAM Regions and between the CAR and SAM Regions with other ICAO Regions regarding air navigation aspects.

2.3 RASG Coordination matters

The Meeting will take note of the activities developed by the RASG-PA since GREPECAS/17. Likewise, the Meeting will examine the GREPECAS-RASG cooperation mechanism as well as the interaction of these groups in favor of optimizing efforts to improve the safety and efficiency of operations, including the link of the RASG support to guide the GREPECAS on working together for the achievement of the priorities in safety so that they are considered in the planning of corresponding GREPECAS programmes and projects.

Agenda Item 3: Review of the GREPECAS' Programmes and Projects

- 3.1 Projects under the PBN Programme (B0-APTA, B0-FRTO, B0-CDO and B0-CCO)**
- 3.2 Projects under the ATFM Programme (B0-RSEQ, B0-FRTO, B0-NOPS and B0 ACDM)**
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- 3.8 Project collaborative process States-Industry for the transition from the current systems to those specified in Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU)**

The Meeting will review the progress and implementation of projects related to each GREPECAS Programme considering the observations of GREPECAS/17 meeting and the implementation meetings of air navigations services in the CAR and SAM Regions. Likewise, the Meeting will analyze the progress in the implementation of the new State-Industry collaborative project for the transition from the current systems to those specified in ASBU.

Agenda Item 4: Monitoring and reporting of the implementation of air navigation in the CAR/SAM regions

Considering the progress of the GREPECAS programmes and projects, as well as in the implementation of air navigation, the report and monitoring of progress in the implementation as follow up to goals stated by Bogota and Port-of-Spain Declarations and the SAMO BIP and Regional Performance-Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP) regional implementation plans, will be completed.

Agenda Item 5: Items related with the organization of GREPECAS

5.1 Review of GREPECAS terms of reference and work programme of the Programmes and Projects Review Committee

The Meeting will review the terms of reference and work programme of the Programmes and Projects Review Committee.

5.2 GREPECAS annual report

Under this agenda item the Meeting will review the standardized format for the PIRG reports of considered in the Second Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) Meeting as well as the GREPECAS Annual Report to be sent to the ICAO Air Navigation Commission for its revision.

Agenda Item 6: Other business

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will examine any other that may not be addressed under the preceding agenda items.
