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Agenda Item 4: RASG-PA Project Reports
4.2 "Grupo Regional de Investigación de Accidentes Aéreos" (GRIAA) of Central American States

RASG-PA GSI-4 PROJECT – EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT INVESTIGATION OF AIR INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

(Presented by COCESNA/ACSA)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
The evolution of the Regional Accident Investigation Group implementation project carried out by COCESNA/ACSA, and supported by RASG-PA is presented in this working paper. The project aims to investigate and prevent serious incidents and accidents in the Central American region, in accordance with ICAO Annex 13 and SARPs.	
Action:	Suggested action is presented in Section 4.
<i>Strategic Objective:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICAO Annex 13 • ICAO GASP • ISSG GASR • ICAO Doc 9946

1. Introduction

1.1 COCESNA/ACSA (The Central American Aviation Safety Agency), together with the Regional Group and the Member States of COCESNA, are developing new initiatives to reduce the high increase of accidents and incidents within the Central American States.

1.2 For the past few months, the Regional Group for Air Accidents Investigation (GRIAA), has assisted several states with accident investigation workshops, including the conclusion of an accident investigation for the State of Salvador, which was delegated to ACSA back in 2014. Although the regional group has not been officially approved by COCESNA States, due to pending MOU revision by these States, the group has been working diligently in the back ground implementing operational safety incentives, assisting COCESNA Member States with ICAO audit activities and Accident Reduction incentives.

1.3 To date, the MOU have been officially reviewed by all states and as of June 15th 2015, the MOU has been revised to include comments sent in by Member States and according to COCESNA's Board of Directors, the MOU should be approve in the next upcoming meetings set for July 2015.

2. Background

2.1 In the year **2004** the regions strategic plan established the creation of an incident/accident module in order to improve aviation safety in the region. This module contained accident data leading back to January 1st 1995.

2.2 A project was launched in **March 2005**, during the first Aviation Safety workshop, to establish an operational strategic safety plan in the Central American region.

2.3 **August 2007** mark the first official initiative and the meeting held in Costa Rica. This marked the foundation of the Project, which during the meeting of the Technical Committee of COCESNA's 15va, CT-15/2007-2 established that: "COCESNA Member States shall designate an investigator for a regional working group of accident and incident investigation," lead by COCESNA.

2.4 **From 13 to 18 October 2008**, an ICAO departmental meeting was held on Accident Investigation and prevention (AIG) and it was at this meeting that the proposal of the creation of a regional group was presented and received unanimous support from all those present, including ICAO's, for this initiative.

2.5 **In 2009**, COCESNA/ACSA presents this initiative to RASG-PA for support. RASG-PA in turn accepts the initiative, granting this "Pilot Project" to ACSA as "RASG-PA GSI-4" - "an effective investigation for accidents and incidents."

3. GRIAA's Vision and Values

3.1 These values are proposed to be based on "culture," for GRIAA's integration and thus implementation in the reduction of accidents and incidents in the Region, with data and information made publicly throughout the aviation community.

3.2 **COMMITMENT:** To the aviation industry and their ongoing search for compliance with regulatory norms, safety standards, quality, efficiency and transparency with the provision of air transport services.

3.3 **ATTITUDE:** When necessary, being proactive in terms of “Culture Reporting,” with the intent in reducing accident/incident tendencies.

3.4 **ETHICS:** Acting with moral principles and good conduct, being able to fulfil our functions with respect to others and the environment.

3.5 **INTEGRATION:** Focusing our energy in a harmonised manner, in the provision of aviation services as a region, according to international standards, which also allows Central America as a significant participant in the international aeronautical community.

4. Suggested Action

4.1 COCESNA/ACSA invites the Meeting to:

- a) Promote project implementation support among Member States; and
- b) Support this safety initiative as a pilot programme for the establishment of Regional Groups for Air Accidents Investigation promoted by ICAO.