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Agenda Item 6: RASG-PA Projects Report

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

(Presented by COCESNA/ACSA)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
<p>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.</p>	
Action:	Suggested action is presented in Section 4.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICAO Annex 13 - <i>Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation</i> • ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) • ISSG Global Aviation Safety Roadmap (GASR) • ICAO Doc 9946 - <i>Manual on Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organization</i>

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 The Regional Group still continues to operate behind the scenes and is now operating under article 5 and 6 of the constitution of COCESNA as an additional service that COCESNA provides to its States.

1.3 At present, GRIAA has participated in a teleconference this past Monday along with the NTSB, ICAO and CASSOS to establish guide lines in assisted CASSOS in establishing their own regional investigative group.

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.

4. Suggested Action

4.1 COCESNA/ACSA invites the Meeting to:

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

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