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Teleconference**

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP – PAN AMERICA
(RASG-PA)**

**RASG-PA EXECUTIVE STEERING
COMMITTEE**

**BI-MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE
SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

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Participants: The teleconference included representatives from: Brazil (ANAC), Curacao, United Kingdom (ASSI), United States (FAA), ALTA, Boeing, CANSO, CASSOS, EMBRAER, Flight Safety Foundation, Regional Safety Oversight System (SRVSOP), and ICAO (NACC and SAM Regional Offices). Airbus, COCESNA/ACSA and IFALPA apologised for not attending the teleconference due to other commitments.

Discussion Items:

Agenda Item 1: Review and Approval of the Provisional Agenda

- The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented. United States (FAA) requested to include an overview of the CAR Region Safety and Air Navigation Directors Meeting (NAM/CAR/OPSAN).

Agenda Item 2: RASG-PA Working Group Reports

2.1 Pan America — Regional Aviation Safety Team (PA-RAST)

- The Secretariat provided a summary of the outcomes from the IAT/5 and PA-RAST/15 Meetings, including formation of Safety Enhancement Teams (SETs) and the announcement of CAR and SAM States willing to participate on these teams. The participation of the Civil Aviation Directors of Bahamas and ECCAA, and a representative from Dominican Republic (IDAC) at the IAT/5 and PA-RAST/15 Meetings was noted. The Secretariat thanked EMBRAER for their hospitality during these meetings.
- The Secretariat informed that an invitation letter for the IAT/6 and PA-RAST/16 Meetings would be sent on 13 February 2014, and encouraged RASG-PA members to participate and provide input to the agenda. The meeting dates were moved to 27-29 March 2014, as agreed at the PA-RAST/15 Meeting, in order to better align with the IFALPA 69th Annual Conference.
- On behalf of IFALPA, the Secretariat informed that it will be possible to participate in several IFALPA activities; however, such activities will require payment of a fee.

2.2 Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT)

- The Secretariat informed that the ASR was sent to the publisher and will be ready by the end of the month.

2.3 Aviation Safety Training Team (ASTT)

- The Secretariat informed on the ASTT/06 Meeting held in Miami, United States, from 17 to 18 December 2013, which was hosted by ALTA. The main outcomes of the event were that ACI offered to develop an on-line training module for RASG-PA an in-kind contribution and provide access to selected on-line courses for particular airports as needed. EMBRAER served as liaison with Nova South-Eastern University to host a RASG-PA Aviation Seminar at its campus in Ft. Lauderdale, United States, from 22 to 23 May 2014.
- The Secretariat reported that a RASG-PA Aviation Safety Seminar was held in Mexico City, Mexico, from 15 to 16 January 2014, as planned, hosted by the DGAC of Mexico and Aeromexico, with the participation of over 70 aviation professionals. The following States/organizations contributed speakers: Cuba, Mexico, United States (FAA), Aeromexico, ASA, ASPA, COPA airlines, EMBRAER, IATA, IFALPA, and ICAO. The topics covered were: Runway Excursion (RE), Controlled Flight into Terrain (CFIT), Loss of Control – in flight (LOC-I) and Mid-Air Collision (MAC).
- ICAO SAM reported that a RASG-PA Aviation Safety Seminar would be conducted in Lima, Peru, from 5 to 6 August 2014, sponsored by the Flight Safety Foundation. The seminar theme proposed is “The Go-Around Decision Making Process.”
- After discussion on the contents of the aforementioned seminar, it was agreed that the event programme should include the findings from the study done by CAST JIM-DAT regarding the contributory factors for REs.
- Boeing will provide an executive summary from the CAST JIM-DAT report to start finalising the programme for the event in coordination with FSF and ICAO.
- As agreed at the RASG-PA/ESC/18 meeting, interpretation service for the seminar will be funded by RASG-PA. Flight Safety Foundation will seek sponsors for coffee breaks and transportation, considering that no fees will be charged to participants.
- CANSO offered their published safety materials to support the event.

Agenda Item 3: RASG-PA Project Reports

3.1 Flight Operations Quality Assurance (FOQA) Data Sharing (PASO)

- In the absence of COCESNA/ACSA, ALTA reported that the PASO meeting was postponed.

3.2 Central America Accident and Incident Investigation Commission

- Due to the absence of COCESNA/ACSA, no updates were provided.

3.3 Standardization of Spanish and English ATC Phraseology in accordance with *ICAO PANS-ATM* (Doc 4444)

- ALTA informed that IATA is working on the train-the-trainer programme. An update will be provided at the RASG-PA/ESC/19 meeting.

3.4 Bird Strike Reduction Programme

- ALTA informed that the MPPT Airport report is not ready yet and that they will send the report to ICAO for review as soon as it is completed.
- Brazil informed that they are interested in participating in the programme.

Agenda Item 4: Development of Metrics to Measure the Institutional Strengths of Civil Aviation Authorities

- ICAO SAM Office informed that the search for an intern to accomplish the task of development metrics was not successful; therefore, they are considering contacting a university as an alternative. However, the main concern is funding for development.
- CANSO offered support with benchmarking reports from air traffic service providers as a reference.
- The Secretariat cautioned that in order to keep the project within RASG-PA objectives, the scope must be aligned accordingly.
- Since there was not enough quorum at the teleconference, it was decided that ICAO SAM Office should present the project again to the RASG-PA/ESC/19 meeting for a final decision.

Agenda Item 5: RASG-PA/ESC/19 Meeting

- ICAO SAM Office confirmed that the RASG-PA/ESC/19 Meeting will be held from 8 to 9 April 2014, at the ICAO SAM Regional Office.
- The Secretariat informed that the invitation letter for RASG-PA/ESC/19 will be sent shortly and encouraged RASG-PA members to participate and provide input to the provisional agenda.

Agenda Item 6: Other Business

- **RASG-PA Teleconference:** due to schedule conflicts, the next teleconference was rescheduled for 20 March 2014.
- **IATA Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RASG-PA:** the Secretariat informed that a letter had been sent to IATA requesting to share safety information from the IATA Global Aviation Data Management (GADM) programme.

- **Sixth Pan American Aviation Safety Summit:** the Secretariat informed that they have been in contact with a representative from NASA and that possibly this person could be considered as a key note speaker at the Safety Summit.
- **Appointment:** the Secretariat informed that Mr. Carlos Gonzalez has joined the ICAO NACC Regional Office as a secondment from the United States (FAA). He will support RASG-PA activities, as well as ATM issues.
- **ICAO CAR/DCA/OPSAN Meeting:** the Secretariat informed that the purpose of the meeting is to agree on regional safety and air navigation targets for preparing the Port-of-Spain Declaration, which will be signed at the Fifth Meeting of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation (NACC/DCA/5) to be held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from 28 to 30 April 2014. The participation of the President of the ICAO Council is expected. These targets will be published on the ICAO Regional Performance Dashboard.
- **RASG-PA/ESC/20 Meeting:** the Secretariat informed that due to a schedule conflict with the GREPECAS Meeting, the RASG-PA/ESC/20 will be changed to 15 to 16 July 2014. RASG-PA is looking for a host State/organization for the meeting. If no host is available, the meeting will be held at the ICAO NACC Regional Office in Mexico City, Mexico.
- **RASG-PA/ESC/22 Meeting:** Boeing informed that in order to promote RASG-PA activities and its success, it would be appropriate to deliver a presentation at the 67th Annual International Air Safety Summit (IASS) 2014 to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 11 to 13 November 2014. Therefore, it was suggested to reschedule the RASG-PA/ESC/22 meeting due to conflicting dates. It was agreed that this item would be discussed at the next RASG-PA teleconference.

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