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for French Antilles and French Guiana
Mr. Francis Preux, Director, French West Indies and French Guiana, Air Navigation
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Lt. Col. Egbert Field, Director General, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority
H.E. Uraiqit H. Ramsaran, Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism,
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Subject: **Fifth GREPECAS–RASG-PA Joint Meeting (GREPECAS–RASG-PA/5) and
Twenty-third Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation
Group (GREPECAS/23)
Virtual Phase (Asynchronous, 19 January to 12 February 2026)
In-person Phase (Mexico City, Mexico, 4 to 6 March 2026)**

Action

Required: a) Designate focal points to participate in the virtual phase by 14 November 2025;
b) submit documentation from 17 November 2025 to 9 January 2026;
c) participate in the virtual phase opening session on 15 January 2026;
d) participate in the virtual (asynchronous) deliberations, from 19 January to 12
February 2026; and
e) register participation in the in-person phase meeting by 1 December 2025.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to our Letter LT 2/8 – SA259 2025 - NT-N1-15, NT-N1-17 E.OSG-NACC116218, dated 12 June 2025, in order to inform the draft agenda, the document submission process and timelines of the Fifth GREPECAS–RASG-PA Joint Meeting (GREPECAS–RASG-PA/5) and the Twenty-third Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS/23). Please note that the details for the RASG-PA/15 Plenary are provided in a separate invitation.

The GREPECAS–RASG-PA/05 Joint Meeting and GREPECAS/23 meetings draft agenda and schedule, covering virtual and in-person phases, are presented at **Appendix A**. The submission of working and information papers, referred to Agenda Items 1 to 9, will be achieved from **17 November 2025 to 9 January 2026**, using the attached templates in Microsoft Word format, in both languages, English and Spanish, according to Decision GREPECAS/21/25.

Working Papers should be brief, action-oriented, and focused with a four-page limit. The said documents should be forwarded to the Secretariat by e-mail to the address: icaosam@icao.int copying icaonacc@icao.int and grepecas@icao.int. As the documents are available, they will be uploaded to the MS TEAMS platform and the GREPECAS/23 website. Taking into consideration the availability of papers in electronic format, no hard copies will be distributed during the in-person phase.

Regarding the Virtual Phase, we request that you designate at least two focal points from your State or International Organization, by **14 November 2025**. These representatives should have adequate expertise in the six fields concerned (AGA, CNS, ATM, SAR, MET, and AIM) or act as a State/International Organization coordinator, to analyze with counterparts and/or provide feedback on the meeting documentation and express the position of your administration on Draft Decisions/Conclusions or actions proposed in said documentation. Instructions for participating in the virtual phase will be provided timely to the designed focal points.

An opening session for this process will be held on **15 January 2026**, via ZOOM (the link will be timely delivered to States and International Organizations). Subsequently, deliberations on the MS TEAMS platform will be held from **19 January to 12 February 2026**.

Consequently, please facilitate the following information for the nominated focal points: name, position, and email (preferably both, institutional email and an additional Outlook email) to grepecas@icao.int

Concerning the in-person phase, General Information, and details on the venue will be sent shortly. Once the information is available, participants are encouraged to make reservations directly with the listed hotels in a timely manner. Therefore, please save the dates and register your representatives or delegates by 1st December 2025 (extended date), at the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ssZWpLmJ0k>

If you need further information on these events, please email ICAO Regional Offices at the following addresses: icaosam@icao.int, icaonacc@icao.int, and grepecas@icao.int.

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



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Enclosures

As indicated

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APPENDIX A

GREPECAS/23 DRAFT AGENDA WITH EXPLANATORY NOTES

VIRTUAL PHASE

(Asynchronous, 19 January to 12 February 2026)

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Schedule

The Meeting will review the draft agenda and schedule, to adopt them. The objectives and overall expectations of the meeting will be presented.

Agenda Item 2: Follow-up on the Valid GREPECAS Conclusions and Decisions

Under this agenda item, a follow-up on the valid GREPECAS conclusions and decisions will be presented, for their update and check on their effective deployment. A detailed analysis will be carried out to identify improvements for the formulation, adoption, processing, and follow up of Decisions and Conclusions.

Agenda Item 3: Updates on GREPECAS-RASG-PA Joint activities

As a part of the GREPECAS-RASG-PA/5, a progress report of joint GREPECAS-RASG-PA activities will be presented, and the new goals to achieve jointly between both groups for the next activity period will be discussed.

Agenda Item 4: Assembly 42nd results; Global Aviation Safety Plan and Global Air Navigation Plan

As a part of the GREPECAS-RASG-PA/5, within the framework of the A42-WP /655 of the Technical Commission (Assembly Agenda Item 23) challenges on the adoption and implementation of Global Aviation Safety Plan 2026 - 2028 and the Global Air Navigation Plan- Eighth edition will be discussed.

The revised GASP presents the global strategy for the continuous improvement of aviation safety and is the master planning document upon which regional and national aviation safety plans are developed and implemented.

The GANP – Eighth edition, introduces: a) an update to the GANP strategy; b) guidance on the application of a performance-based approach to optimize the allocation of resources; c) an update to the GANP performance framework on environment and resilience; d) an update to the Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) framework; and e) a mapping between the ASBU framework and the conceptual roadmap to enhance the visibility of the link between the strategic and technical levels. A working table will be held during the in-person phase.

Agenda Item 5: Assembly 42nd Results; Matters Concerning Air Navigation Initiatives

GREPECAS/23 meeting will discuss the results of Assembly 42 on Air navigation performance initiatives, as follows:

- a) Outcomes of the Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/14) and the follow-up actions undertaken by ICAO.

- b) ICAO policy on Radio Frequency (RF) spectrum matters
- c) Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) vulnerabilities and resilience
- d) Meteorology and System-Wide Information Management (SWIM)
- e) Aerodrome operations and obstacle limitation surfaces
- f) Aerodrome infrastructure and certification
- g) Space transport operations

Agenda Item 6: Progress on Regional and National Air Navigation Planning

Under this agenda item, the progress on updating the CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan Volumes I, II, and III will be reviewed. Also, initiatives to improve the regional (RANP) and national air navigation (NANP) planning and to produce adequate ASBU implementation reports and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) assessment will be presented.

The GANP KPI Ad hoc group (GADHOC) will present its advances. GREPECAS/23 will be informed on:

- a) KPIs management development
- b) Volume III improvements. Metrics for ASBU Implementation

Agenda Item 7: GREPECAS Work Programme and Projects

Under this agenda Item, the Meeting will follow up the implementation of the Decision/22/14 – ‘Review of the current GREPECAS work programme and projects’, including the initial alignment to ICAO Strategic Plan 2026-2050 and the update to GREPECAS Air Navigation Deficiencies Database (GANDD) deficiencies.

Agenda Item 8: CAR/SAM Air Navigation Implementation

Under this agenda item, in order to provide more significant products and results through the work of GREPECAS, the Meeting will analyze the implementation of ASBU modules and elements in the CAR/SAM Regions, as well as other initiatives to improve air navigation. Regional priorities, constraints and related challenges will be identified.

This Item will address the following areas: Air traffic management (ATM), Airspace optimization, Air Traffic Flow Management (AFTM), Search and Rescue (SAR), Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS), Aeronautical Meteorology (MET), Aeronautical Information Management (AIM), Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA) and Environmental Protection (ENV).

Agenda Item 9: Other business to be addressed in the virtual phase

Under this agenda item, other matters can be addressed to be discussed in the virtual/asynchronous phase.

IN-PERSON PHASE
(Mexico City, Mexico, 4 to 6 March 2026)

Agenda Item 10: Preliminary Results from GREPECAS23 Virtual Phase

Following the adopted agenda and schedule, the results of the preliminary discussion of topics emanating from the virtual phase (asynchronous) will be presented, as well as the relevant implementation items to be addressed during the in-person phase meeting. Updates of the Agenda of the virtual phase.

Agenda Item 11: Strategic Approach Towards the Implementation of Air Navigation Improvements

Under this agenda item, a proposal for a strategic model for the implementation of air navigation priorities will be presented to grant the alignment of all components of GREPECAS programme B (Air Navigation Implementation Programme aligned with the GANP, ASBU Framework, and Performance Framework) to the ICAO Strategic Plan 2026 – 2050 and the implementation in progress. This model should allow States and international organizations to better identify the priorities in the CAR/SAM Regions. A working table will be developed.

Agenda Item 12: Review of GREPECAS Work Programme

Based on the deliberations and comments received from the virtual phase (asynchronous), as well as the analysis of the updated GASP and GANP requirements, the Meeting will review the Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional aviation safety groups (RASGs) global challenges. The Meeting will discuss and approve the GREPECAS updated work programme and other related issues.

Agenda Item 13: Any Other Business

Other matters can be addressed, particularly in preparation for the next GREPECAS meeting.

Agenda Item 14: Draft GREPECAS 23 Conclusions and Decisions

The results of the GREPECAS/23 meeting will be presented (virtual and in-person sessions) in the form of Draft Conclusions and Decisions.

DRAFT SCHEDULE
IN-PERSON PHASE (Mexico City, Mexico, 4 to 6 March 2026)

Time	Monday 2 March	Tuesday 3 March	Wednesday 4 March	Thursday 5 March	Friday 6 March
08:30–09:00	<i>RASG-PA and GREPECAS * Registration</i>	<i>RASG-PA</i>	GREPECAS/23 & GREPECAS-RASG-PA/5 <i>Opening Ceremony - Photo</i>	Agenda Item 11: Strategic approach towards the implementation of Air Navigation improvements	Agenda Item 13: Any other business
09:00–10:10	<i>RASG-PA</i>				
10:10–10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30–11:30	<i>RASG-PA</i>	<i>RASG-PA</i>	GREPECAS-RASG-PA/5 Agenda Item 3: Updates on Joint activities	Agenda Item 11: Strategic approach towards the implementation of Air Navigation improvements	Agenda item 14: Draft GREPECAS 23 Conclusions and Decisions
11:30–13:00			GREPECAS-RASG-PA/5 Agenda item 4: Working Table on Global Plans GASP and GANP		
13:00–14:10	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14:10–15:10	<i>RASG-PA</i>	<i>RASG-PA</i>	GREPECAS-RASG-PA/5 Agenda item 4: Working Table on Global Plans GASP and GANP	(cont.) Agenda Item 10: Preliminary Results from GREPECAS23 virtual phase	Agenda item 14 (cont.)
			Closing of joint sessions		
15:10-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	Closing
15:30-16:30	<i>RASG-PA</i>	<i>RASG-PA</i>	Agenda Item 10: Preliminary Results from GREPECAS23 virtual phase	Agenda Item 10 (cont.):	
				Agenda Item 12: Review of GREPECAS Work Programme	

** Delegates registration available for both Regional Groups*

*Colored gray; RASG-PA/15 plenary/sessions.
Colored blue; Joint GREPECAS-RASG-PA/5 sessions*