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Agenda Item 5:   **ICAO/ Member State / Industry Presentations**

IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ICAO USOAP PQ 2024 EDITION

(Presented by Indonesia)

SUMMARY

ICAO will implement USOAP CMA activities by incorporating a set of new PQs related to SMS into audit areas of PEL, OPS, AIR, ANS, and AGA started after 1 July 2025, followed by the integration of SSP related PQs. In order to achieve target T10 of AP-RASP edition 2023-2025 concerning States' EI score and regional APAC average EI score, ICAO and States with support from International Organization and Industry partners must collaborate to take appropriate action in preparing the USOAP CMA audit activity.

1.   **INTRODUCTION**

1.1   ICAO has released Electronic Bulletin EB 2024/22 concerning Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) Protocol Questions (PQs) - 2024 Edition. State Safety Programme Implementation Assessment (SSPIA) will be integrated with traditional Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) activities. Protocol Questions related to Safety Management System (SMS) will be incorporated into five areas responsible for SMS, while State Safety Program (SSP) related PQ is dedicated as a new audit area.

1.2   The 2024 edition of the PQs will become applicable for all USOAP CMA activities starting after 1 July 2025, except for the SSP related PQs, which will become applicable at a later stage.

1.3   USOAP CMA related documents and materials, including Document 9734, Part A – The Establishment and Management of a State Safety Oversight System, and Document 9735 - Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Manual, will be updated accordingly.

2.   **DISCUSSION**

2.1   ICAO, through USOAP CMA audit activity, carries out a systematic and objective review of a State's effective implementation of the eight critical elements of a State safety oversight system and accident/incident investigation capabilities. Implementation of the USOAP CMA using PQ 2024 edition, in particular, incorporation of SMS related PQs will affect the Effective Implementation (EI) score of the States.

2.2   Considering AP-RASP 2023-2025 edition Target T10 is, States to progressively enhance safety oversight capability to achieve at least 75% EI in USOAP CMA, and to achieve an APAC average overall USOAP EI score higher or equal to the global average by 2024.

2.3   Noting the current USOAP EI score for States in APAC is 66.58%, which is below the world EI 69.66%, and 64.1% of the States in APAC have not achieved the target of 75% EI. (source: iSTAR 4.0)

2.4   States must continue their effort to improve safety oversight and compliance in achieving the target of EI score, and begin to review and implement the new PQs. Most important, State expecting USOAP CMA audit will only have six months to complete their preparation. ICAO, International organization, Industry partners, and other States can provide support to expedite the audit preparation.

2.5   Objective and technical conduct of the SSP audit area may differ from the previously SSPIA approach and remain undetermined until revision to the related ICAO Document is published. SSP audit will not affect the EI score; however States may begin a self evaluation as part of their preparation while awaiting ICAO guidance and audit schedule.

3.   **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1   The Meeting is invited to:

   a) Encourage States to begin their preparation for ICAO CMA audit activity; and

   b) Request ICAO to provide assistance to States in preparing the USOAP CMA audit activity, in particular, the incorporation of new SMS related PQs and SSP related PQs, such as training, workshop, technical assistance.

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