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(19th E/CAR DCA)**

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Agenda Item 4: MCI Task Force Activities Report

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
CARIBBEAN REGIONAL CAAMCIRP**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper presents to the Meeting with a progress report on the development of the Caribbean Regional CAAMCIRP.

References:

- Report of the 1st North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation Meeting (NACC/DCA/1)
- Report of the 18th Meeting of the E/CAR Directors of Civil Aviation, Trinidad and Tobago, 9 to 12 December 2003
- Report of the 7th Meeting of the C/CAR Directors of Civil Aviation, Puerto Rico, 28 June to 2 July 2004

1. Introduction

1.1 This paper provides the Meeting with a progress report on the development of the unified Caribbean Regional Civil Aviation Accident Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan (CAAMCIRP) and proposes actions for its timely completion and implementation.

2. Background

2.1 NACC/DCA/1 Meeting

2.1.1 This Meeting considered whether the E/CAR and C/CAR efforts could be merged into a unified Caribbean Regional CAAMCIRP. The Meeting agreed that the work carried out by E/CAR MCI Task Force was appropriate to meet the objective of the timely preparation of the CAAMCIRP and therefore, the NACC/DCA/1 Meeting adopted **Conclusion 1/27 – E/CAR Regional Civil Aviation Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan**. To this date, it is still pending to have CDERA consider the establishment of MoUs or LoAs with CDERA non-member States in the Eastern Caribbean Region to incorporate these in the coverage of the E/CAR Regional CAMCIRP. The NACC/DCA/2 Meeting will take place in Honduras in October 2005.

2.2 18 E/CAR DCA Meeting

2.2.1 In accordance with **Conclusion 17/3 – Civil Aviation Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan for the Eastern Caribbean Region**, the Chairman of the E/CAR SAR Committee, on behalf of the E/CAR MCI Task Force presented the draft Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Accident Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan (E/CAR CAAAMCIRP). In this opportunity, the Meeting adopted **Conclusion 18/9 – Caribbean Regional Civil Aviation Accident Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan (CAR CAAMCIRP)**. To this date, little progress has been made, E/CAR States have not presented their comments to the E/CAR CAAAMCIRP, which was set for the final review last **30 June 2004**; also the ICAO NACC Regional Office has no knowledge regarding the expansion of the plan with CDERA and PAHO. This action was supposed to be finished on **October 2004**.

2.3 C/CAR DCA/7 Meeting

2.3.1 This Meeting reviewed the progress made on **Conclusion 6/10 – Reorganization of the work and attention to the implementation of MCI and SAR Plans in Central the Caribbean** and on **Conclusion 18/9 – Caribbean Regional Civil Aviation Accident Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan (CAR CAAMCIRP)**.

2.3.2 Considering the aforementioned Conclusions, the Meeting prepared the following Conclusion:

CONCLUSION 7/14 CARIBBEAN REGIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ACCIDENT MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN

That,

- a) *PAHO appoint a Rapporteur for the new Caribbean MCI Task Force,*
- b) *the Caribbean MCI Task Force initial composition include Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, United States (USCG), CDERA, ICAO and PAHO; and*
- c) *the PAHO Rapporteur convene a meeting of the Caribbean MCI Task Force in Barbados in 2004 to coordinate the completion of the Caribbean Regional Civil Aviation Accident Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan based on expanding the existing draft Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Accident Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan to include the C/CAR Region.*

3. Discussion

3.1 Considering the aforementioned, it can be concluded that little progress has been made to unify the Caribbean Regional CAAMCIRP. The ICAO NACC Regional Office sent a letter to PAHO on 1 September 2004 requesting the appointment of a Rapporteur for the coordination of the activities of the Task Force. To this date, PAHO has not responded this communication. Therefore, this is preventing CDERA from establishing the MOUs/LOAs as well as those tasks related to the communication requirements from IACL.

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4. Action Required by the Meeting

4.1 The Directors of Civil Aviation are invited to examine this working paper, take note, comment and approve categorical actions to make progress and include the C/CAR States/Territories within the current plan in order to finalize the *Caribbean Regional Civil Aviation Accident Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan (CAR CAAMCIRP)*, and therefore, ensure an effective coordination.

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