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2.2 Deficiencies

**SPECIFIC AIR NAVIGATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION DEFICIENCIES IN
THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper presents updated information on the priority “A”, “B” and “U” air navigation deficiencies of the Eastern Caribbean States/Territories, in each of the air navigation fields, as well as on the action taken by States/Territories in resolving the aforementioned deficiencies.

1. Introduction

1.1 Based on the uniform methodology for the identification, assessment and reporting of Air Navigation deficiencies formulated and updated by the ICAO Council, the GREPECAS and its Contributory Bodies periodically review the status of implementation of the CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan, with a view to determining and evaluating the deficiencies in the air navigation fields within the CAR/SAM Regions.

1.2 In this regard, and following Decision 9/20 of GREPECAS/9 Meeting, the Aviation Safety Board (ASB), based on its terms of reference, has, at the six meetings it has held, evaluated, supervised and carried out follow-up action of deficiencies with a direct impact on safety and requiring urgent corrective actions, classified as “U”, in the air navigation fields in the CAR/SAM Regions and has developed appropriate action to contribute to their correction.

1.3 The GREPECAS, at its periodic meetings, reviews and takes appropriate action on the air navigation deficiencies classified as “A” (necessary for air navigation safety) and “B” (necessary for the regularity and efficiency of air navigation).

2. Discussion

2.1 Review of Air Navigation deficiencies is also the responsibility of aviation authorities. With regard to the Eastern Caribbean, the Eastern Caribbean Working Group reviews deficiencies at its annual meetings providing the appropriate input. Therefore, the Directors are presented for this purpose, outstanding deficiencies in **Appendix A** and deficiencies where action plans for their correction have been submitted in accordance with GREPECAS Conclusion 13/92: *Action for resolving urgent Air Navigation Deficiencies* in **Appendix B** to this working paper. **Appendix C** contains information on those deficiencies corrected or eliminated.

2.2 When reviewing the Appendices to this working paper, the Meeting will note that not all E/CAR States/Territories have informed the ICAO Regional Office in Mexico on the Action Plans developed to correct the deficiencies in the air navigation fields. Within this context and considering the concern that the Air Navigation Commission, the ICAO Council and GREPECAS have repeatedly expressed on the many deficiencies and the time that these have persisted, from the first report, without action being taken for their correction, States/Territories that have not yet taken actions in this regard, are encouraged to implement GREPECAS Conclusion 13/92, by using the revised format for action plans for the resolution of regional air navigation deficiencies presented in **Appendix D**. Due note should also be taken by the civil aviation authorities on their responsibility under Article 28 of the Chicago Convention for providing safe, regular and efficient air navigation services.

2.3 The E/CAR WG should also take into account GREPECAS Decision 12/124, which urges States to eliminate urgent deficiencies within the next two years (**31 December 2007**), and subsequently the GREPECAS/15 meeting will review the deficiencies solution status with a view to considering the application of last resort action, after exhausting all the alternatives, wherever applicable.

3. Suggested action

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in Appendices A, B, C and D to this working paper;
- b) carry out actions to correct the Air Navigation Deficiencies in their respective States/Territories, and
- c) submit appropriate Action Plans for the correction of their identified Air Navigation Deficiencies to the NACC Office by no later than **10 November 2006**.
