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Agenda Item 4: Provision of AGA/AOP in the NACC Region
4.1 Aerodrome Certification and Oversight

PROPOSAL FOR A MODEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AAC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE AUTHORITIES (PQ 8.415)

(Presented by Costa Rica)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This Working Paper presents a proposal by Costa Rica for the creation of a working group that could develop a guide or model inter-institutional agreement, to comply with the question of the audit protocol USOAP 8.415.	
Action:	Under Paragraph 3
Strategic Goals:	• Every Flight Is Safe and Secure • No Country Left Behind
References	• USOAP AGA Protocol Version 2024

1. Introduction

1.1 By ICAO Assembly Resolution A42-12, Member States decided on the continued evolution and implementation of the continuous observation approach (CMA) of ICAO's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP). Within the framework of the USOAP CMA, ICAO conducts audits covering safety-related provisions covered by all Annexes to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Doc 7300).

1.2 These audits are carried out based on a series of questions from the USOAP CMA 2024 protocol (PQ) for each area of operational safety surveillance, including Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA).

1.3 In the latest version (2024) of the protocol, there is question number 8.415, which indicates the need for States to have a process in place for the management of conflicts between land use or environmental protection and aviation authorities in order to ensure that safety is not compromised.

2. Analysis

2.1 The DGAC of Costa Rica, after the last audit and in preparation of the corrective action plans (CAPs) for the findings thereof, has evaluated the need to have an instrument that, based on the experience of States that have obtained a satisfactory result in this question, allows not only to comply with this question, but also to comply with this question. but that it is an instrument that guarantees its correct implementation.

2.2 In Costa Rica's experience, the implementation of the process has been carried out successfully with the related entities of land use and environmental protection and public health, however, it does not have a documented process to support the effective implementation of the PQ. However, despite having adequate coordination, the document to be prepared must be solid enough to be able to cover the PQ, given the effort made internally in the State to achieve the approval and signature of the different legal departments of the entities involved.

2.3 That is why Costa Rica's proposal is to request the Secretariat, with the support of the Member States of the AGA Task Force, to share their experiences in order to develop a model procedure that can not only serve the needs of our State but can also be shared with other States that have the same needs.

3. Suggested action

3.1 As suggested actions, the study note requests the AGA Task Force:

- a) To take note of, analyse and comment on Costa Rica's request;
- b) If accepted, propose to the Secretariat the preparation of a working group under the AGA/TF for the drafting of a proposal for a generic agreement, taking advantage of the experience and knowledge of several States;
- c) Present the outcome at the next meeting of the AGA Task Force and make it available to interested States.