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To: States, Territories and International Organizations

Subject: **Invitation – Twenty-Sixth Scrutiny Working Group Meeting (GTE/26) of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS)**
Asynchronous (virtual): 9 to 25 September 2026
In person: Mexico City, Mexico, 12 to 16 October 2026

Action

- Required:
- 1) Asynchronous phase:
 - a. Submission of documentation by 4 September 2026
 - b. Register participants by 8 September 2026
 - 2) Face-to-face phase:
 - a. Submission of documentation by 28 September 2026
 - b. Register participants by 5 October 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

In accordance with the provisions of ICAO Doc 9574 – *Manual on a 300 m (1,000 ft) Vertical Separation Minimum between FL 290 and FL 410 inclusive*, and GREPECAS Conclusion 17/10 – *GUIDANCE MANUAL ON LARGE HEIGHT DEVIATIONS (LHD) EVALUATION USING THE SMS METHODOLOGY FOR LHD REPORTS*, I wish to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the Twenty-Sixth Scrutiny Working Group Meeting (GTE/26) of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS), to be held in Mexico City, Mexico, from **12 to 16 October 2026**.

The main objective of this meeting is to analyse the risk of LHDs during 2025, and to determine the safety level in the Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) airspace of the CAR/SAM Regions. In addition, and in accordance with the Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the collaboration between GREPECAS and the Regional Aviation Safety Group – Pan America (RASG-PA), the meeting will provide an opportunity to advance the joint work of the GTE and the Pan America Regional Aviation Safety Team (PA-RAST). That collaboration is aimed at strengthening coordination of reported occurrences for the purpose of safety risk mitigation across the NAM/CAR and SAM Regions and provides for LHD and Traffic Collision Avoidance System – Resolution Advisories (TCAS-RA) within Flight Level (FL) 245 and above to be reviewed and monitored for the purpose of trend analysis.

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In this regard, the analytical outcomes of the GTE may usefully feed into and supplement RASG-PA's work on Mid-Air Collision (MAC), one of the high-risk categories of occurrences identified in the ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), including the ongoing aggregation and analysis of de-identified TCAS-RA information at the regional level. Bringing together air navigation service provider-sourced LHD data and operator-sourced safety information afford a more complete regional picture of collision risk than either source provides on its own, while avoiding duplication of effort. Consistent with the Terms of Reference, the outcomes of this joint collaborative work are reported annually to both RASG-PA and GREPECAS.

The aforementioned meeting will be preceded by an asynchronous phase (virtual mode) during the period from **9 to 25 September 2026**, which will allow for a deeper analysis of the safety performance of the RVSM airspace of the CAR/SAM Regions, discuss working papers and update the Focal Points (PoCs) regarding the procedures related to airspace monitoring. The data of the asynchronous phase and all the documentation of the meeting will be available in the meetings section of the following website: [NACC - Meetings](#) as soon as it is ready.

The participation of the PoCs of the CAR/SAM States responsible for the provision of the LHD reports to the Caribbean and South America Monitoring Agency (CARSAMMA), Air Traffic Services (ATS) inspectors, pilots, Air Traffic Control supervisors, ATS safety specialists from the States and Territories of the ICAO CAR and SAM Regions, and representatives of invited international organizations is expected. Moreover, PoCs could conduct bilateral or multilateral meetings to address situations of interest with respect to LHDs identified primarily within the common boundaries of Flight Information Regions (FIRs).

The working languages of the meeting will be English and Spanish, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the in-person phase if sufficient participants of both languages provide timely registration. We would appreciate confirmation of your participation by **8 September 2026** for the Asynchronous phase and by **5 October 2026** for the face-to-face phase by registering here:

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

At the end of the registration date of the asynchronous phase, registered participants will receive an email with the details for their participation and use of the virtual platform.

The Draft Agenda and Schedule of the event are at **Appendices A** and **B** respectively. for the onsite meeting. General Information about the venue and suggested hotels is available on the following website: [NACC - Visiting](#).

Any documentation that your Administration/Organization wishes to submit/deliver for the meeting must be sent by **4 September 2026** for the asynchronous phase and by **28 September 2026** for the face-to-face phase to this Office. Information papers will be received and published in the language(s) in which they are submitted. Working papers must be prepared in both languages, English and Spanish, with a maximum length of four pages excluding appendices, must be brief, contain some action, and be focused on the topic. In this context, you are requested to submit at least one working paper referring to the management of LHD events, and the recent progress of your Administration/Organization for the reduction of these events.

If you require any further information regarding the event, please contact Mr. Eddian Méndez, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management, and Search and Rescue or his Assistant Mr. Alejandro Macías to the following e-mail nacc-atm@icao.int.

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



Christopher Barks
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North American, Central American and
Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office

Enclosure:

A – Draft Agenda; B – Schedule; C – Working Paper template; D – Information Paper template; E – Appendix template

<https://oaci.sharepoint.com/sites/NACCRegionalOfficeTeam/Shared Documents/00-Meetings/GREPECAS/GTE/Reuniones GTE/GTE-26 Mexico/Correspondence/NACC120231ATMI-States-GTE26invite.docx> / AMS

APPENDIX A

TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP (GTE/26) OF THE CAR/SAM PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP (GREPECAS)

DRAFT AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1:** **Draft Agenda and Schedule Approval.**
- Agenda Item 2:** **Review of the valid conclusions and recommendations of previous CARSAMMA and Scrutiny Group meetings**
- 2.1 Review of previous conclusions
 - 2.2 Review of previous recommendations
- Agenda Item 3:** **Review of the Results of the Analysis of Large Height Deviations (LHDs) and of the Collision Risk Model (CRM)**
- 3.1 Indicator data on points of highest occurrence of LHD events
 - 3.2 Actions taken to improve data capture of LHD events and to improve RVSM status capture by States of Registry or the Operator
 - 3.3 Results of the safety assessment project in RVSM airspace for the CAR and SAM Regions
 - 3.4 Trend identification
 - 3.5 LHD Event Management and Progress for LHD Reduction by CAR/SAM States
 - 3.6 Flight plan audit report
 - 3.7 Presentation of CRM 2025 and an analysis of the causes that contributed to these risks in Flight Information Regions (FIRs) that had a value above the Collision Risk Assessment (CRA) Desired Level of Safety (TLS)
 - 3.8 Follow-up collaboration between GREPECAS GTE and RASG-PA PA/RAST
- Agenda Item 4:** **Activities and Tasks to be Reported to GREPECAS**
- 4.1 Review of tasks to be reported to GREPECAS
 - 4.2 Cooperation GTE/Regional Aviation Safety Team-Pan America (PA-RAST)
 - 4.3 CARSAMMA/AWG and NAARMO cooperation
- Agenda Item 5:** **Other Business**

APPENDIX/APÉNDICE B
DRAFT SCHEDULE/HORARIO PROVISIONAL

Time / Hora	Monday / Lunes 12 October / octubre	Tuesday / Martes 13 October / octubre	Wednesday / Miércoles 14 October / octubre	Thursday / Jueves 15 October / octubre	Friday / Viernes 16 October / octubre
08:30–09:00	<i>Register / Registro</i>	Review of the Agenda Item 3 / Examen de la Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día	Review of the Agenda Item 3 / Examen de la Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día	Review of the Agenda Item 3 / Examen de la Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día	Review of the Agenda Item 5 / Examen de la Cuestión 5 del Orden del Día
09:00–09:45	Review of the Agenda Item 1 / Examen de la Cuestión 1 del Orden del Día				
09:45–10:00	<i>Coffee break / Pausa para café</i>				
10:00–12:00	Review of the Agenda Item 1 / Examen de la Cuestión 1 del Orden del Día	Review of the Agenda Item 3 / Examen de la Cuestión del Orden 3 del Día	Review of the Agenda Item 3 / Examen de la Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día	Review of the Agenda Item 4 / Examen de la Cuestión 4 del Orden del Día	Conclusions / Conclusiones
12:00–13:30	<i>Lunch / Almuerzo</i>				
13:30–15:30	Review of the Agenda Item 2 / Examen de la Cuestión 2 del Orden del Día	Review of the Agenda Item 3 / Examen de la Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día	Review of the Agenda Item 3 / Examen de la Cuestión 3 del Orden del Día	Review of the Agenda Item 4 / Examen de la Cuestión 4 del Orden del Día	<i>Closure/ Clausura</i>

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