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Agenda Item 2: Follow-up to Conclusions, Decisions, previous agreements and the Work Programme of the NACC/WG, CAR/SAM Planning and Implementation Regional Group (GREPECAS) and regional initiatives related to air navigation

GREPECAS /23 OUTCOMES

(Presented by Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This working paper provides observations and lessons learned related to recent GREPECAS activities, including regional coordination efforts, implementation follow-up, and the evolution of regional air navigation initiatives within the NAM/CAR and SAM Regions. The paper highlights the importance of transitioning toward a more implementation-oriented framework focused on measurable operational outcomes, strengthened coordination mechanisms, and enhanced regional collaboration aligned with ICAO strategic objectives and operational priorities.

Action:	As presented in Numeral 3
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency• Security & Facilitation• Economic Development of Air Transport• Environmental Protection
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP, Doc 9750)• ICAO Global Air Traffic Management Operational Concept (Doc 9854)• GREPECAS Conclusions and Decisions• NACC/WG Programme of Work• Regional Air Navigation Plans (RANPs)

1. Introduction

1.1 GREPECAS continues to serve as a key regional mechanism supporting coordination, planning, and implementation activities associated with air navigation modernization within the NAM/CAR and SAM Regions. Recent regional discussions and joint meetings highlighted the importance of further evolving GREPECAS toward a more implementation-oriented framework, where regional discussions translate into measurable operational actions supported by clear responsibilities, timelines, and follow-up mechanisms.

2. Discussion

2.1 It was recognized that the success of GREPECAS **should not** be measured solely by the number of Conclusions or Decisions adopted, but rather by the **level of implementation achieved** and the operational benefits generated for States and stakeholders across the Regions.

2.2 The importance of strengthening coordination between ICAO Regional Offices prior to GREPECAS meetings was emphasized to ensure aligned regional positions, particularly regarding operational initiatives associated with Air Traffic Management (ATM), Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM), airspace optimization, interoperability, and regional performance objectives.

2.3 The meeting also highlighted the importance of **early engagement with States and designated focal points**, especially during virtual and asynchronous coordination phases, to improve technical participation, ownership, and the quality of feedback received during the development and review process.

2.4 There remains an opportunity to further align the work programme of the NACC/WG and associated task forces with performance-driven objectives, implementation priorities, and regional operational needs, while ensuring consistency with ICAO strategic frameworks and regional air navigation plans.

2.5 Future GREPECAS activities could benefit from enhanced mechanisms to monitor implementation progress, identify challenges, and support States through more structured follow-up actions aimed at improving regional implementation levels and operational performance.

2.6 Continued emphasis should be placed on initiatives capable of generating tangible operational benefits for States, including efficiency improvements, delay reduction, airspace optimization, environmental sustainability, interoperability, and enhanced regional collaboration.

2.7 The importance of “One ICAO” coordination was also reinforced, emphasizing the need for consistent messaging, preparation, and institutional alignment between ICAO Headquarters and Regional Offices in support of regional implementation activities.

2.8 Lessons learned from recent GREPECAS, and joint regional meetings should continue to be incorporated into future planning processes to strengthen governance, participation, logistical preparation, coordination mechanisms, and overall regional effectiveness.

3. Suggested actions

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information presented in this working paper;
- b) encourage continued alignment between GREPECAS activities, regional implementation priorities, and operational performance objectives; and
- c) support strengthened coordination, follow-up mechanisms, and State engagement to enhance implementation within the NAM/CAR and SAM Regions.