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Agenda Item 13: Election of Executive Steering Committee (ESC) Co-Chairs/Vice-Chairs

ELECTION OF THE RASG-PA EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE (ESC) LEADERSHIP

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This working paper addresses the requirement to elect the leadership of the RASG-PA Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for the 2026–2029 term. It outlines the procedural framework for the election of two Co-Chairs and two Vice-Co-Chairs, ensuring balanced representation between States and Industry. The paper also considers the recent vacancies and the preliminary results from the RASG-PA/15 virtual phase.

Action:	The suggested action is presented in Section 3.
<i>Strategic Goals</i> 2026-2050:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every flight is safe and secure • Aviation is environmentally sustainable • Aviation delivers seamless, accessible, and reliable mobility for all • No country left behind
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RASG-PA Handbook, Fifth Edition Rev.1 • WP/07 – Filling of PA-RAST and RASG-PA Leadership Vacancies (RASG-PA/15 virtual phase) • WP21 Appendix H – Preliminary Results from RASG-PA/15 Virtual Phase

1. Introduction

1.1 The RASG-PA Procedural Handbook (5th Edition, Rev. 1) establishes that the Group’s leadership is composed of two Co-Chairs and two Vice-Co-Chairs. This structure is designed to ensure a balanced partnership between Member States/Territories and International Organizations/Industry.

1.2 Beyond the leadership roles, the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) is the body responsible for the administration and coordination of RASG-PA activities. Its composition is defined by a specific number of representatives from Member States, International Organizations, and Industry to maintain a multi-stakeholder partnership.

1.3 During the 2023–2026 triennium, the leadership faced significant disruptions due to several vacancies in the State Co-Chair and both Vice-Co-Chair positions. To maintain operational continuity, temporary arrangements were implemented, including the provisional designation of a State Co-Chair.

1.4 As the current 2023–2026 cycle concludes, the RASG-PA/15 Plenary must conduct a full renewal of both the ESC membership and its leadership positions to initiate the 2026–2029 term in accordance with the established governance procedures.

2. Discussion

2.1 Leadership Structure and Eligibility

2.1.1 The ESC chairmanship must represent the dual nature of the Group:

- One Co-Chair and one Vice-Co-Chair representing Member States and Territories.
- One Co-Chair and one Vice-Co-Chair representing International Organizations and Industry.

2.1.2 Candidates for these positions must be elected from among the members of the ESC. The ESC itself is composed of ten State representatives (five from CAR/NAM and five from SAM) and eight Industry/International Organization representatives.

2.2 Election Process

2.2.1 According to the Procedural Handbook, the State members of the ESC elect their respective Co-Chair and Vice-Co-Chair, while the Industry/Organization members do the same for their respective positions

2.2.2 The transition from the virtual phase (Agenda Item 12) highlighted the need to formalize these elections during the in-person Plenary to ensure a clear mandate for the 2026–2029 cycle.

2.3 Addressing Recent Vacancies

2.3.1 As noted in WP/07 and confirmed in the virtual phase discussions (WP/21 Appendix H), the simultaneous vacancy of multiple leadership roles required a reconstitution of the leadership through formal Plenary approval.

2.3.2 Accordingly, the Plenary shall conduct the scheduled elections during this session to fill the ESC leadership and membership positions for the 2026–2029 term, as provided for in the Procedural Handbook.

2.4 Membership Election for the 2026–2029 Triennium

2.4.1 In addition to the election of the leadership (Co-Chairs and Vice-Co-Chairs), the Plenary must proceed with the election of the ESC members for the upcoming three-year term. According to the Procedural Handbook, the ESC is composed of representatives from ten (10) Member States and eight (8) International Organizations/Industry.

2.4.2 For the State membership, a balanced representation of the region is required, consisting of five (5) representatives from the ICAO NAM/CAR Region and five (5) from the ICAO SAM Region. The selection of these States shall be conducted by the respective sub-regions during the Plenary session.

2.4.3 Regarding Industry and International Organizations, the eight (8) seats are to be filled by entities that actively contribute to the Group’s objectives, ensuring a diverse range of expertise and regional coverage in line with the Handbook’s provisions.

3. Suggested Action

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Call for candidates from Member States (5 from NAM/CAR and 5 from SAM) and Industry/International Organizations (8 representatives) to compose the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for the 2026–2029 triennium;
- b) Conduct the election of the ESC Members based on the nominations received;
- c) Ratify the ESC Leadership candidates identified by the ESC members, specifically:
 - i) One (1) Co-Chair and one (1) Vice-Co-Chair from the State members;
 - ii) One (1) Co-Chair and one (1) Vice-Co-Chair from the Industry/Organization members;
- d) Approve the results of the elections to formally confirm the mandates for the 2026–2029 triennium;
- e) Instruct the Secretariat to update the RASG-PA records and the Procedural Handbook as necessary to reflect the new leadership and membership structure.