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Agenda Item 14: Other Business

INITIATIVES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COLLABORATIVE SAFETY TEAMS (CST)

(Presented by Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Initiatives are taken to establish and implement collaboration mechanisms that allow the exchange of information on events related to operational safety.

<i>Strategic Goals 2026-2050:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every flight is safe and secure
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 19 to Chicago Convention} • The Safety Management Manual (Doc 9859)

1. Introduction

1.1 Annex 19 to the Chicago Convention establishes in its provision 3.5.2, External communication and disclosure of safety information, that: 'States should promote awareness regarding operational safety and the sharing and exchange of safety information with the aviation community to foster the maintenance and improvement of operational safety and support the development of a positive safety culture.

1.2 As part of the legal framework of the SSP in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Article 38 of Ministerial Resolution 018 published in Official Gazette 41.044 on 2 December 2016, establishes that the Aeronautical Authority and the body with competence in the investigation of accidents and incidents shall promote the establishment of mechanisms to share or exchange safety information among users of the aeronautical system and shall facilitate the sharing and exchange of safety information.

Initiatives to implement CST

1.3 The Guidance Material for the implementation of a Collaborative Safety Team (CST) of the Regional Aviation Safety Group – Pan America (RASG-PA), from May 2023, was taken into consideration for the preparation of an Advisory Circular: *Guidelines on the implementation of a Collaborative Safety Team (CST)*, recently approved. The overall purpose of the CST concept is to foster collaboration among stakeholders towards the continuous improvement of safety and to promote spaces/mechanisms for sharing or exchanging safety information.

1.4 The CSTs shall take into consideration the provisions indicated in the current legal regulations set forth in the 'Standards on the Protection and Use of Safety Information' published in Official Gazette Number 41.634 on 16 May 2019.

1.5 The CSTs that are established are aimed at supporting activities that drive the achievement of the SSP's Safety Objectives and the strategies of the State's National Aviation Safety Plan (VEN-SP) and its upcoming amendment.

1.6 It is foreseen to share and exchange operational safety data from the hazard, risk, and occurrence databases of the SMS accepted in commercial air operators, under the terms agreed upon within these teams and with the support of the National Institute of Civil Aviation through the Operational Safety Management Directorate and its operational safety data analysis team. The processing and analysis of the data, the construction of information, joint discussion between the State and the industry within a framework of trust, and the preparation of operational safety actions and recommendations for the community are also foreseen.

1.7 Monthly meetings were agreed upon with stakeholders for the implementation and effective functioning of these teams, and from the results of these initiatives, future contributions are expected related to those national safety objectives that align with regional objectives and those of the GASP. In each meeting, it is foreseen to discuss two or three specific and identified risk factors that are collectively affecting operational safety, in order to seek their mitigation and reduce their impact on operations.