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UAE SHEIKH ZAYED AIR NAVIGATION CENTRE SAFETY WEEK

(Presented by the United Arab Emirates)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper presents the introduction of the first United Arab Emirates Air Navigation Services Provider Safety Week to be held in 2022.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objective: Safety: Enhancing global civil aviation. This Strategic Objective is focused primarily on the State's regulatory oversight capabilities. The Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) outlines the key activities for the triennium.
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<i>Financial implications:</i>	Nil
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<i>References:</i>	Annex 19 – <i>Safety Management</i> Doc 10004, <i>Global Aviation Safety Plan</i> Doc 9859, <i>Safety Management Manual (SMM)</i>
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 For a collaborative total system approach to flourish, the interfaces and interactions between organisations (including States) need to be well understood and managed. The role of the total aviation system approach can play in a State Safety Programme (SSP) development cannot be underestimated. This role helps to manage safety risks, which cut across multiple aviation activities.

1.2 From a State perspective, the need to implement internal and external safety promotion action is established in Annex 19 – *Safety Management* as one of the components in States' safety management responsibilities. Internally, civil aviation authorities (CAAs) and other aviation authorities involved with the SSP should establish mechanisms to provide relevant safety information to its personnel to support the development of a culture that fosters an effective and efficient SSP. The communication of its safety policies, safety plans, as well as other important SSP documentation can also improve awareness and collaboration among their staff, so that safety management processes put in place by States remain effective.

1.3 Among other actions for the improvement of safety culture within an aviation system, the need for communication stands out for its importance. By constantly communicating its priorities, best practices, risks that stand out in a particular operation, a State can foster a positive safety culture and maximise the potential of achieving its safety objectives, be it among the professionals of CAAs or service providers.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Through the membership of the National Air Navigation Services Safety Committee, Sheikh Zayed Air Navigation Centre proposed the inaugural United Arab Emirates Air Navigation Services Provider (ANSP) Safety Week. The United Arab Emirates ANSP Safety Week brings people together to make learning and sharing of values and experiences compelling in an intuitive and enjoyable way. A good outcome is an environment where people experience new ideas to improve and take back to their jobs. A great outcome is where a new initiative is adopted, taking safety performance to the next level.

2.2 The United Arab Emirates ANSP Safety Week is an all-inclusive event under a common theme. All United Arab Emirates ANSP's will participate including operational staff and other support functions. It is believed that this event will demonstrate and embrace safety culture by creating an environment where everybody can participate in sharing values, beliefs, knowledge and experience, coupled with a vision to develop understanding and learning under a common theme. The United Arab Emirates ANSP Safety Week aims to become an annual event to be led by a different ANSP each year choosing a common theme each year. This event should eventually become a regional event bolstering the ICAO Safety Objective. This Strategic Objective is focused primarily on the State's regulatory oversight capabilities. The Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) outlines the key activities for the triennium.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the content of this paper.