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Agenda Item 2: Review of coordination activities between GREPECAS and RASG-PA

2.2 Coordination activities between GREPECAS and RASG-PA

GREPECAS AND RASG-PA COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This Paper presents the latest coordination and joint activities of RASG-PA and GREPECAS resulted from a timely efficient coordination between GREPECAS and RASG-PA in order to create synergies and avoid duplication of effort and achieve the highest level of effectiveness.

References:

- Council mandate for PIRG-RASG Coordination
- RASG-PA ESC/29 Meeting Report

1. Introduction

1.1 As part of the mandate for the regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASG) and the Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs), the coordination of safety matters with the PIRG is expected from RASG-PA and vice versa for Air Navigation matters.

1.2 In order to meet the RASG objectives, the RASG-PA serve as a regional cooperative forum integrating global, regional, sub-regional, national and industry efforts in continuing to enhance aviation safety regionally. RASG-PA develops and implement work programmes that support a regional performance framework for the management of safety on the basis of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP).

2. Discussion

GREPECAS and RASG-PA Collaboration activities

2.1 From the RASG-PA current ongoing Projects, work and analysis continues mainly in the Runway excursion (RE) and Mid Air Collision (MAC) Detailed Implementation Plans and Safety Enhancement Initiative. The ICAO Secretariat had analysed and coordinated for the joint activities for RASG-PA and GREPECAS and foster the exchange of results among ICAO Assistance activities and the GREPECAS and RASG-PA Projects as follows:

2.2 The results of the Runway Safety Team (RST) mission to Aruba were presented to RASG-PA ESC/29 Meeting (ICAO NACC Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA) Technical Assistance Programme and RASG-PA), which focused on the creation of an RST at Reina Beatrix International Airport (TNCA), as a pilot project for the Territories of the Kingdom of the Netherlands using the updated *ICAO RST Handbook* and considering the RASG-PA Safety hotspot identified in this area related to unstable approaches. The RASG-PA ESC Meeting recognized this mission as an example of good collaboration among the different Air Navigation Implementation Groups and RASG-PA, for which more future similar activities should be conducted for the benefit of the States.

- a) The activities and coordination on Runway Safety between RASG-PA RE Group and the GREPECAS AGA Projects and ICAO Regional Safety Oversight Cooperation System (SRVSOP):
- b) In the last RASG-PA PA-RAST Meeting the GREPECAS Scrutiny Group (GTE) was invited to exchange the LHD results with the PARAST MAC Group, concluding that there appears to be no duplication of efforts between the GREPECAS and RASG-PA processes; however, there are opportunities for greater collaboration among the two groups, suggesting that Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) should include within their surveillance activities the verification that the ANSP effectively prepares the data for the GREPECAS CAR/SAM Monitoring Agency (CARSAMMA). To this extent, the Meeting agreed on the possible benefits of enhanced collaboration between the GTE and the RASG-PA Mid Air Collision (MAC) Group, as the work and goals are related. RASG-PA ESC adopted the following conclusion:

CONCLUSION RASG-PA-ESC/29/1 ENHANCEMENT OF SAFETY DATA ANALYSIS BY GREPECAS AND RASG-PA

That, in order to enhance the safety performance analysis in the CAR/SAM Regions, and considering the existing work conducted by the PA-RAST MAC Group and the GREPECAS GTE; and to strengthen the coordination between RASG-PA and GREPECAS:

- a) the Secretariat coordinate with both groups to ensure a review of the data analysis work being conducted by each of them, identifying synergies and strengthening their work programme and outcomes; and
- b) report the results and findings to the RASG-PA ESC/30 Meeting.

2.3 A key element for enhancing the collaboration between the RASG-PA and GREPECAS, is that States participate more actively in both regional Groups in particular to participate in the State Safety Data analysis for identifying safety improvements areas (Safety hotspots) and on the Air Navigation implementation conducted by the respective Regional Groups in NACC and SAM.

2.4 RASG-PA has identified several safety improvements areas (Safety hotspots) that would need to be considered within the scope of the GREPECAS Project scope on efficiency improvements particularly on the PBN, ATFM and the Situational Awareness Projects concerning the need for improvements in Flight Plan availability and accuracy, optimum flight levels, flow control measures, enhancement of situational awareness with radar data exchange and ADS-B implementation.

PIRG-RASG Coordination meeting in Montreal (13 December 2017)

2.5 ICAO organized a PIRG-RASG Coordination meeting in Montreal together with the GANIS and SANIS events conducted in December 2018. ICAO Secretaries coordinated for both the GRPECAS vice Chairperson and the RASG-PA Cochairs attended the Meeting. A teleconference was arranged on 6 December 2017 by ICAO for the PIRG-RASG Preparation Ad-hoc group. RASPA-ESC/29 Meeting adopted a supporting action on this respect:

CONCLUSION

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RASG-PA PREPARATION FOR PIRG-RASG MEETING

That, in order to organize a common position and ideas for the RASG-PIRG coordination Meeting on 13 December, the PIRG-RASG Preparation Ad-hoc Group (Brazil, Canada, United States, IATA and ICAO (NACC and SVRSOP) prepare a paper to include RASG-PA's achievements, evolution/strengths and Coordination with GREPECAS, for the RASG-PA representative to present at the meeting by 7 December 2017.

2.6 As such a defined position by the RASG-PA and GREPECAS resulted for this December Meeting as attached to this paper.

3. Suggested actions

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) take note of the GREPECAS- RASG-PA coordination activities;
- b) analyse the possibilities for enhancing this coordination as commented in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3; and
- c) take any action as deemed necessary

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