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THIRD HIGH-LEVEL SAFETY CONFERENCE 2021(HLSC 2021)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Third High-Level Safety Conference (HLSC 2021) will be held with the purpose of bringing together diverse civil aviation authorities to gain consensus and formulate recommendations and decisions on the main safety issues and air navigation matters. Therefore, RASG-PA is invited to participate at that event.

Action:	Suggested actions under section 3.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GASP

1. Background

1.1 The Third High-Level Safety Conference (HLSC 2021) is an event of the International Civil Aviation Organization (OACI) that brings together Directors General of Civil Aviation of member States, International Organizations and diverse stakeholders in order to gain consensus, obtain engagement and formulate recommendations deemed necessary for the efficient and effective progress of key civil aviation safety activities.

1.2 This event will be the third edition, to be held from 17 to 21 May 2021. The first conference (HLSC 2010) was held from 29 March to 1 April 2010, while the second edition (HLSC 2015) was convened from 2 to 5 February 2015.

1.3 The main theme of the HLSC 2021 will be “Embracing Evolution”, in view that in today’s world, aviation is being affected by the rapid technological changes in the industry, including the introduction of artificial intelligence, unmanned aircraft, “urban air mobility” and block chain, as well as digitalization of aviation, and implementation of new business models that require therefore better processes concerning safety, efficiency, speed and interconnectivity.

1.4 Likewise, as the evolution in aviation accelerates, it is essential to enhance capability in regulatory and infrastructure matters, develop new training approaches, and improve current processes and procedures to embrace these transformations. At the same time, it is important to ensure that, with regards to said evolution, all Member States be able to effectively fulfil their safety oversight functions and responsibilities.

1.5 Therefore, it is expected that HLSC 2021, as a formal ICAO meeting, provides an opportunity to work together towards a global aviation safety strategy that would allow adapting and responding to the rapid pace of developments in civil aviation. The Conference will also provide a stimulus for strategic planning at the global, regional and national levels.

1.6 With regard to the ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) that establishes global safety strategic direction and provides the framework for the development and implementation of regional, sub-regional and national plans, it is foreseen that during the HLSC2021 the progress of the GASP review be examined, through a feedback on the challenges related with its implementation as well as proposals for high risk categories, organizational challenges and emerging problems for consideration at its 2023-2025 edition.

1.7 RASG-PA, seeking to comply with the goals contained in the current edition of the GASP, has obtained during the last years progress that have resulted in the improvement of harmonisation and coordination of activities to reduce safety risks through a collaboration efforts by all who participate in the Pan American region aviation, and thus their participation at the HLSC2021 is deemed important.

2. Discussion

2.1 As future challenges and transformations will impact all areas in aviation, there is a pressing need to ensure that the global aviation community continues working together on strategic planning in managing aviation safety and responding to new challenges. In this regard, during HLSC 2021, ICAO Member States, international organizations and other stakeholders will continue the dialogue on the future of aviation.

2.2 It is important to emphasize that the HLSC 2021 is convened one year before the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly, and thus its obtained results (agreements, recommendations, etc.) will be informed at the aforementioned session. This approach will allow the Assembly to focus on strategic issues based on a solid technical advice.

2.3 Discussions at the HLSC2021 will involve all stakeholders in order to ensure significant progress, as aviation system quickly evolves and becomes more complex and inter-connected. To that end, air navigation matters related with the subject of the conference will also be addressed, as well as security and environmental aspects within the context of safety and air navigation.

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2.4 It is also expected that the Conference will address all the elements of aviation safety, the evolution of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA), as well as selected air navigation matters.

2.5 The Conference will provide an opportunity for participants to debate and agree on recommendations related with:

- a) a global safety strategic direction;
- b) strategic planning in managing aviation safety and responding to new challenges at the national level;
- c) how to ensure an efficient "cooperative" oversight;
- d) how to enhance USOAP-CMA efficiency;
- e) enhancement of collaboration and sharing of experience in relation to innovation;
- f) how to enhance current training and processes and procedures (including licensing, certification, authorizations and approvals) to incorporate rapid changes in aviation;
- g) how to efficiently manage challenges and risk associated with aviation evolution in order to minimize adverse consequences;
- h) regional implementation support mechanisms; and
- i) others.

2.6 Likewise, the results of the Conference will allow ICAO plan subject matter experts working programmes, Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) and Planning And Implementation Regional Group (PIRGs).

2.7 In view of the paragraphs above, the purpose is to allow dialogue to propose the participation of RASG-PA at the HLSC2021, in order to inform on the progress on safety in the region, changes in its current organizational structure and procedures, coordination with the CAR/SAM Planning and Implementation Regional Group (GREPECAS) and the respective Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs), as well as to expose the proposals and recommendation on the subject that are deemed convenient.

3. Actions by the Meeting

3.1 In view of the discussion above, the Meeting is suggested to:

- a) note the contents of this working paper;
- b) under paragraph 2.7, consider the participation of RASG-PA at the HLSC2021; and
- c) take other related actions as deemed necessary.

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