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MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF SAFETY FUNCTIONS UNDER SRVSOP WORK PROGRAMMES

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Summary

This working paper presents a proposal for mutual recognition of safety functions under the SRVSOP work programmes as one of the most efficient ways to use the SAM States' financial resources in times of crisis.

References

- Regional Project RLA /99/901.
- Targeting areas included in the tentative strategic plan: Financial sustainability of the civil aviation system.

1. Background

1.1 The pandemic that we are currently experiencing, produced by the coronavirus, is leaving great scars on humanity, without us still being able to imagine what the devastating effect of this virus will be in terms of health and economics. Up to date, it has claimed the lives of more than 250,000 people and has infected more than 3.5 million people.

1.2 The outbreak and expansion of the virus around the world has forced States to impose restrictions on physical distance, closure of workplaces and borders, and other preventive measures that are having a negative effect on the economies of all countries and especially aviation. Restrictions imposed have limited the production of many corporations, affected markets, and reduced air operations to levels never seen before.

1.3 It is predicted that the effect on the world's economy will be very serious and therefore states will have to better resources management in order to be able to restore the systems affected in all fields and especially in the aeronautical field.

1.4 In this regard, the Regional Safety Oversight Cooperation System (SRVSOP) of Latin America was created with the aim of achieving the regional harmonization of Latin American aeronautical regulation through an economy of scales at the highest level. This aimed at favouring its Member States, which makes the SRVSOP as the ideal mechanism to support its Member States in the pandemic being actually experienced by the region and the whole world.

2. **Proposal for a strategy to counteract the effects of COVID-19 on SRVSOP and SAM Region States**

2.1 To ensure the financial sustainability of the Civil Aviation System is the focus area of work of the strategic group that is developing the civil aviation recovery strategy in the region. In this sense, today more than ever, it is necessary to take advantage of economies of scale and share resources in certification and surveillance activities that will allow substantial savings to the entire aviation system of the Region.

2.2 Accordingly, mutual recognition by the States of safety functions under SRVSOP work programmes is one of the most efficient ways to use the limited financial resources during and after the crisis, contributing to the support of the international civil aviation system.

2.3 SRVSOP offers a number of advantages to support the objective of achieving financial support of civil aviation systems in the States of the Region, with the following actions:

- a) use of technology in the delivery of seminars, courses and workshops;
- b) sharing of inspection results by taking advantage of harmonized checklists;
- c) effective implementation of existing multinational agreements on the recognition of certifications of:
 - approved maintenance organizations (AMOs);
 - instruction centres and training ; and
 - aeronautical medical centres.
- d) effective implementation of the automatic validation licensing agreement;
- e) multinational surveillance activities of AGA and ANS service providers; and
- f) other activities in which States' resources can be shared.

2.4 In the same way, SRVSOP could support the development of agreements for the recognition of:

- qualification of flight simulation training devices (FSTD);
- acceptance of certificates from foreign air operators certificates (AOCs); and
- acceptance of type certificates (TC).

2.5 Without doubt, SRVSOP is a key mechanism available to the States of the Region at their disposal at this time of crisis, to manage operations in an efficient, harmonized and coordinated manner in the following phases: during the pandemic, before the restoration of normal operations and in the start of normal operations.

2.6 To support during these phases, SRVSOP has included on its website the following link: <https://www.srvsop.aero/covid-19/> where information applicable to personnel licensing areas (PEL); aircraft operation (OPS); airworthiness (AIR); air navigation services (ANS) and airfields and ground aid (AGA) is being incorporated, basically related to recommended measures as a result of COVID-19 that States can follow. This information can be used by both, civil aviation authorities (CAAs) and the industry.

2.7 Likewise, in order to identify the risks and conditions of operating in crisis conditions, the SRVSOP Technical Committee (CT), together with the SRVSOP expert panels, is developing guidance material to ensure safe operations, and States are therefore encouraged to collaborate in this joint effort.

2.8 For implementing the actions indicated in Paragraph 2.3 above, **Appendix A** of this working paper proposes related activities, projects and actions.

3. Suggested actions

3.1 Participants in Session 2 – Post-COVID-19 Strategies, organized by the ICAO South American Regional Office, are suggested to:

- a) take note of the information presented herein; and
- b) comment and decide on the actions proposed in Paragraph 2.3 and **Appendix A**.

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APPENDIX A

ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS AND ACTIONS

Activities

1. Form task groups in PEL, OPS, AIR, ANS and AGA to:
 - ✓ Reactivate and monitor harmonization;
 - ✓ Manage operations during the pandemic, before start-up of normal operations and at the start of normal operation; and
 - ✓ Reactivate agreements
2. Analyse the status of the CIAC/CEAC Certification and activate the agreement: 9 States - , Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.
3. Analyse the status of the CMAE Certification and activate the agreement: 8 States - Argentina, Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.
4. Analyse the status of automatic licensing validation and activate the agreement: 6 States - Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.
5. Analyse the status of the certification of AMOs and promote its continuity: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.
6. Continue with the implementation of the SSP and SMS.

Projects

1. Draft Agreement for the Acceptance of the Type Certificate (TC)
2. Draft Agreement for the Recognition of Foreign AOCs.

Actions

1. Start the work as soon as possible with the task groups formed.

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