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To: Mr. M. Thierry Buttin, Regional Director of Civil Aviation Authority (DSAC)  
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Mr. Philippe Versi, Regional Director, West Indies and French Guiana  
Lt. Col. Egbert Field, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority  
Mr. Albert E. Jubithana BBA, Minister of Transport Communication and Tourism, Suriname

Subject: **Invitation – Nineteenth Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS/19)**  
Online, 27 – 29 October 2021, from 9:00 to 15:00 hours CDT (UTC -5)

Action

Required: 1) Transmittal of any additional items of discussion by **4 October 2021**;  
2) Submission of documentation by the deadlines provided in this letter; and  
3) Confirm your participation by registering by **23 October 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to invite your Administration to participate in the Nineteenth Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS/19) to be convened online from 27 to 29 October 2021, from 9:00 to 15:00 hours CDT (UTC -5).

I would like to highlight that this GREPECAS Meeting will be Plenary Meeting Number 19, which includes a review and update of all air navigation implementation issues, both assisted by the urgent issues of the COVID Pandemic, as well as the monitoring of the projects and the different activities for the implementation of air navigation in the CAR/SAM Regions. It is also previewed to review the improvements achieved in the GREPECAS working mechanism and the continuation of coordination with the Regional Aviation Safety Group–Pan America (RASG-PA) having at least one common hour of exchange with the RASG-PA Plenary for these purposes (28 October 2021 at 12:00 hrs CDT (UTC -5)). The preparation of the progress in the air navigation performance metrics and indicators will be part of this work programme and will be reported to the ICAO Council.

Therefore, the participation of the Directors/Heads of Air Navigation is expected, as well as of the Authorities of the States and Territories of the ICAO CAR/SAM Regions and representatives of invited international organizations. The working languages of the meeting will be English and Spanish, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided if sufficient participants of both languages provide timely registration.

The Provisional Agenda of this meeting is presented in the **Appendix A**.

States wishing to submit proposals for the addition of items should do so by **4 October 2021**.

It is important to note that all participants need to have a Zoom account as all sessions scheduled by ICAO are only for authenticated users. In order to confirm your participation at this meeting and obtain the Zoom connection information, you need to register at the following link:

**<https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrcO2qrjMvGtyNQFCEEnDX5ilN3BRwlULq>**

Once registered, Zoom will generate a unique connection link for the registered participant and he/she will receive a confirmation email from Zoom containing information about joining the meeting; please note that the connection link is unique to the registered participant and cannot be shared with other users. **Please ensure to save this message, as you will need it to connect to the event.** Furthermore, please consider that you have to be signed into your Zoom account in order to enter the event.

All event documentation will be placed in the Meetings Section of the following web page: <http://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/default.aspx> as it becomes available.

Documentation that your Administration/Organization may wish to submit/present at the meeting/event should be forwarded to this office by e-mail as soon as practicable in Microsoft Word format using the **attached** templates. Working papers should be brief, action-oriented, and focused with a four-page limit excluding any appendices.

**Only working papers received by this office by 4 October 2021**, submitted by States, will be translated to ensure timely processing. Working papers received in this office **after** that date will have to be submitted in both languages. Otherwise, they will become Information Papers. Information papers will only be issued in the language submitted. Papers received from international organizations will not be translated and will be issued only in the language submitted. The deadline to receive papers is **12 October 2021**. The deadlines for submission of documentation for translation will be strictly enforced. You are encouraged to submit documentation in both meeting languages (i.e., English and Spanish).

Should you require further information regarding the event please contact Mr. Jorge Armoa, Regional Officer, ANS Implementation (AIM/MET) of the ICAO South American Office: [jarmoa@icao.int](mailto:jarmoa@icao.int).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration.

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink over a blue circular logo. The logo features a globe with wings and the text 'ICAO OACI ICAO' around the top and 'ORGANISATION DE L'AVIATION INTERNATIONALE' around the bottom. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fabio Faizi Rahnemay Rabbani  
Regional Director  
ICAO South American Office  
Lima

**Enclosure:**

*A – Provisional Agenda; B – Working Paper template;  
C – Information Paper template; D – Appendix template*

cc: Mr. Ary Rodrigues Bertolino, Vice-Chairperson GREPECAS  
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**AGENDA**

**Nineteenth Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group  
(GREPECAS/19)  
Online, 27 – 29 October 2021**

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**APPENDIX A  
PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

- Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Schedule**
- Agenda Item 2: Topics in Support of the COVID-19 Contingency: CAR/SAM Follow-up to the Activities in Support of the ICAO Aviation Recovery due to the COVID-19 Pandemic**
- Agenda Item 3: GREPECAS Work Programmes, Objectives and Results**
- Agenda Item 4: Global and Interregional Activities**
- Agenda Item 5: Coordination between GREPECAS and the Regional Aviation Safety Group–Pan America (RASG-PA) - Ongoing Meeting (Back to Back)**
- 5.1 Follow-up of GREPECAS and RASG-PA Conclusions
  - 5.2 Agreements and Coordination for the Implementation of GREPECAS/RASG-PA Safety Objectives
  - 5.3 GREPECAS and RASG-PA Working Arrangements (virtual meetings and frequency of meetings)
- Agenda Item 6: GREPECAS Administrative and coordination activities**
- Agenda Item 7: Other Business**
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
EXPLANATORY NOTES**

**Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Schedule**

Under this agenda item, the Meeting shall review the agenda and schedule, and adopt them. The objectives and overall expectations of the meeting will be presented.

**Agenda Item 2: Topics in Support of the COVID-19 Contingency: CAR/SAM Follow-up to the Activities in Support of the ICAO Aviation Recovery due to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Under this agenda item, information will be provided on the activities in air navigation carried out and in process, to support the States in the reactivation/restart of aviation in the CAR/SAM Regions. The Meeting will examine the current situation and the implementation of Air Navigation Services (ANS) in the current COVID-19 outbreak and the main challenges for 2021 and 2022.

The participation of the States and the Industry with their updates and planned challenges on air navigation issues is expected, for GREPECAS decision making in assistance and support.

**Agenda Item 3: GREPECAS Work Programmes, Objectives and Results**

Under this agenda item, the current approved status of the GREPECAS CAR/SAM Programmes will be presented, including their main challenges, the review and adjustment of work programmes, the objectives and results of GREPECAS, according to the priorities aligned with the air navigation improvements defined in the reference framework of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) This topic also allows developments associated with the creation and management of the metrics and indicators of the GREPECAS Dashboard that involves programme and projects coordinators of the States, in the provision of information and data. The activities of this development and some other specific activities will be presented for updating the current GREPECAS Projects. On this agenda item, other project initiatives in accordance with regional and interregional priorities may be evaluated.

The States and participants are invited to carry out a review of the progress in the projects programmes and the GREPECAS work programme, considering the benefits and expectations of support towards the development of air navigation and operational safety in the region.

**Agenda Item 4: Global and Interregional Activities**

Under this agenda item, the latest relevant updates and amendments to ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) related to ANS will be presented for consideration and action at the meeting, an update on interregional ANS activities, and the current process update of the CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan (ANP). An update will be given on the joint work of ANS with other technical areas (safety and security) on emerging issues in the aeronautical industry, such as Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) and cybersecurity issues for the Regions. CAR / SAM.

**Agenda Item 5:           Coordination between GREPECAS and the Regional Aviation Safety Group–  
Pan America (RASG-PA) - Ongoing Meeting (Back to Back)**

Under this agenda item, a follow-up of the ICAO Council proposal will be carried out through the Air Navigation Commission (ANC), which has established the requirement to carry out the plenary meeting of the GREPECAS every year and consecutively (back-to-back) with the Regional Group on Aviation Safety-Pan America (RASG-PA) in order to report to the ICAO Council for identify regional priorities, implementation objectives and indicators related to air navigation and aviation safety for the regional implementation of the GANP (Doc 9750) and the ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) (Doc 10004), and thereby provide the agreements, recommendations and necessary coordination.

**Agenda Item 6:           GREPECAS Administrative and coordination activities**

Under this agenda item, a review and update of GREPECAS improvement initiatives will be carried out and a review of the participation of States in GREPECAS activities and plans. Moreover, a follow-up of valid Conclusions/Decisions from previous meetings of GREPECAS (GREPECAS/18 and previous meetings of the Programmes and Projects Review Committee (PPRC)) will be made; as well as the review/acceptance of the latest changes reflected in the GREPECAS Procedures Handbook. The Meeting will be informed on the GREPECAS Annual Report to the Council. Finally, a tentative calendar will be proposed for GREPECAS meetings in 2022.

**Agenda Item 7:           Other Business**

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will analyse any other matter than cannot be addressed under the previous agenda items.

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