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**Thirty Eighth Regional Aviation Safety Group — Pan America Executive Steering Committee Meeting (ESC/38)**

Lima, Peru, 24 to 25 May 2023

**Agenda Item 2: Safety management process within RASG-PA**

**FIRST MEETING OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT GROUP (SAT SOG/01)**

(Presented by Secretariat)

| <b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>     |  |
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| <b>Action:</b>               | As indicated in 3.1  |
| <b>Strategic Objectives:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety</li> </ul>   |
| <b>References:</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the Second ICAO Atlantic Coordination Meeting (ACM/2), Montreal, 18 to 20 February 2020.</li> <li>• Report on the Special meeting on the improvement of air traffic services over the South Atlantic (S-SAT), Virtual, 14 July 2021.</li> <li>• SoD on Special Atlantic Coordination Meeting (ACM-S) - Madrid, Spain from 23 to 24 June 2022</li> </ul> |

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The Second ICAO Atlantic Coordination Meeting (ACM/2) held in Montreal during February 2020 agreed to an implementation plan that included proposals related to the structure, concept of operations and related Terms of Reference for the Group for the continued improvement of air traffic service over the south Atlantic (SAT). The named group was tasked to implement the new proposals by the end of 2020. However, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this was not possible, and implementation was outstanding.

1.2 The Special Informal SAT meeting (S-SAT) was conducted virtually on Wednesday 14 July 2021. The outcome of this event was the formalization of the new SAT working structure, including the Implementation Management Group (IMG) and Safety Oversight Group (SOG). The SAT group gathers administrations from Africa, Europe, Caribbean and North and South America, as well as ANPs and Industry.

1.3 The Special Atlantic Coordination Meeting (ACM-S) was held in Madrid, Spain from 23 to 24 June 2022. Its main objective was to re-start the South Atlantic (SAT) discussions on the harmonization and cross-regional coordination (North – South Atlantic) for the enhancement of remote oceanic operations that were interrupted during the COVID-19 crisis.

1.4 As a result, the First Meeting of the South Atlantic Safety Oversight Group (SAT SOG/01) was held, thanks to the collaboration of IATA, from 13 to 17 March 2023, in Miami, Florida, United States. Thirty-six delegates from eight states members of SAT group and 3 International organizations participated in the meeting (face and virtual mode). All the three concerned Regional Monitoring Agencies (ARMA, SATMA, CARSAMMA), participated in the meeting, as well as NARMO/PARMO representatives.

## 2. **Analysis**

2.1 The SAT-SOG is responsible to the SAT-Steering Group for:

- a) monitoring safety management of air traffic service provision in the SAT Region and encouraging adoption of best practices;
- b) ensuring the availability and correct categorization of SAT Region reported occurrences for the purposes of mathematical analysis and other safety management activities; and
- c) providing statistical data and advice relating to monitoring of safety assessment and any other related tasks.

2.2 SAT SOG/01 meeting analyzed the results of collision risk assessments in the South Atlantic airspace, approved initiatives for the harmonization of the methods and processes of the RMAs as well as organized the development of the SAT Safety Bulletin and the SAT Annual Safety Report.

2.3 In addition, the meeting addressed the effects of the application of the SLOP (Strategic Lateral offset Procedure) in oceanic airspace and its benefit to the level of risk of the SAT airspace was promoted.

2.4 The importance of collaborative work with other bodies dealing with safety matters, for instance the scrutiny groups, was highlighted. Many of the initiatives follow the best practices of the NAT Region, with the aim of strengthening the harmonization between the adjacent airspaces.

2.5 The preliminary version of the summary of discussions (SoD) is currently under review by delegations. The documents of the SAT SOG/01 Meeting are available at the following link:

<https://www.icao.int/SAM/Pages/MeetingsDocumentation.aspx?m=2023-SATSOG1&t=1>

## 3. **Action by the meeting**

3.1 Take note of the information provided.