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Subject: **Tenth GREPECAS Aviation Safety Board Meeting (ASB/10) - POSTPONEMENT**
(Mexico City, Mexico, 27 - 28 April 2009)

Sir/Madam:

I have the honor to refer to the GREPECAS/15 meeting report and specifically to Conclusion 15/47, which requires the organization of a special ASB meeting during April 2009 to examine the results of the completed exercise as indicated in the mentioned Conclusion, reproduced hereunder for ease reference:

CONCLUSION 15/47 FURTHER ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT CONCLUSION ASB/8/2

In order to complete Conclusion ASB/8/2 that:

- a) immediately after the GREPECAS/15 Meeting, the ICAO Regional Offices forward to IATA and IFALPA the list of “U” air navigation deficiencies currently available in the GANDD;
- b) States that have been not yet done so carry out the “U” deficiency risk assessment and submit results to the accredited Regional Office not later than 5 January 2009;
- c) IATA and IFALPA carry out the “U” deficiencies risk assessment and submit the results to the ICAO Regional Offices not later than 1 March 2009; and

- d) ICAO conduct a special ASB Meeting at the NACC Regional Office in Mexico City in April 2009, to analyze the results of the completed exercise.

The above Conclusion was formulated based on the results of the ASB/8 and ASB/9 meetings. During these meetings a total of 218 “U” deficiencies for the CAR Region plus 64 for the SAM Region, totaling 282 “U” CAR/SAM deficiencies were examined.

As per Conclusion 15/47, only the SAM Regional Office provided the list of “U” deficiencies to the States and IATA/IFALPA, since after GREPECAS/15 meeting (Appendix D to the Report on Agenda Item 4 refers), no outstanding “U” deficiencies for the CAR Region existed.

IATA and IFALPA as reply to the request, submitted risk figures using the ICAO SMS risk evaluation model. Only some SAM States have forwarded similar information.

In parallel of this action it was prepared, approved and circulated the ASB/10 Draft Agenda to the ASB Members.

To encourage actions by the States regarding the submission of “U” deficiencies risk figures, it was send on 27 March 2009, as an last attempt, a reminder letter (LT 2/8.11.10 - SA 0191) providing, as reference, the risk figures from IATA/IFALPA to the States that had pending summation of the risk information, only one reply was received.

Under the current situation, only 48 “U” deficiencies corresponding to the SAM Region should be evaluated by the Secretariat using the SMS risk evaluation model. In so doing, the Secretariat will consider the information provided by IATA/IFALPA and the States. This exercise will be coordinated with the State’s National Coordinators.

Based on the above, and considering that the most important item of the ASB/10 meeting was related with the Agenda Item 1. I inform you that in coordination with the GREPECAS Chairman, the ASB/10 has been postponed until GREPECAS/16 Meeting.

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



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