



Agenda Item 5: Management of the GREPECAS mechanism

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE GREPECAS PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS REVIEW
COMMITTEE**

(Presented by the Ad hoc Group Rapporteur)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the report of the discussions of the Ad hoc Group activated by the Meeting to review the proposed membership for the GREPECAS Programmes and Projects Review Committee.

1. Background

1.1 When discussing WP/18 on the Programmes y Projects Review Committee, the GREPECAS Chairman proposed the activation of an Ad hoc Group to review the membership of the Committee.

1.2 The Terms of Reference for the Ad hoc Group for the composition of State members in the Programmes and Projects Review Committee (CRPP) is presented as follows:

Considerations by the Ad hoc Group to define the States of the CAR and SAM Regions that will comprise the GREPECAS CRPP.

1. Consider the Secretariat's proposal on the composition of the Programme y Project Review Committee in terms of the number of member States per Region.
2. Propose, if applicable, the ideal number of member States to ensure the efficiency y effectiveness of the Committee as a mechanism for accountability y resolution of difficulties in the different projects.
3. Define State selection criteria for CRPP membership.
4. Ensure a balanced representation of the different realities in each Region.
5. The inclusion as a CRPP member State entails a commitment to participate in all activities y meetings, whether in person or via teleconference.
6. Inform GREPECAS/16 Plenary on the proposed CRPP composition criteria for its consideration y approval.
7. Analyze the Committee membership criteria.
8. Analyze the status of the International Organizations.

1.3 The following 16 States participated in the Ad hoc Group: Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, , Spain (as Observer), Trinidad and Tobago, United States, and Venezuela.

1.4 The representative of Dominican Republic was elected as Rapporteur of the Ad hoc Group.

2. Discussion

2.1 The Ad hoc Group reviewed the proposed membership for the Programmes and Projects Review Committee presented in the Appendix to WP/18.

2.2 The Ad hoc Group took into consideration that the Central American States will be represented as a group of States.

2.3 The Ad hoc Group also accepted IFATCA's proposal of being included remarking that all the international organizations participating in the Committee will act as Observers, as will the invited States from other Regions.

2.4 The Ad hoc Group also recognized that the Committee will not exclude any State wishing to participate in any of their meetings, nor will it limit the number of participants of a State.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The Ad hoc Group accepted the proposal that the membership include 16 States and in order to maintain a balance in the representation, 8 States of each the CAR and SAM Regions. A rotation scheme may be considered in the future if more States are interested to participate than the specified number . Likewise, other non member States may participate in the meetings whenever they wish if the agenda includes a subject of interest.

3.2 Concerning the criterion to select which States will comprise the 8 States from each Region, the Ad hoc Group considered several options, but determined that it was not within the authority of the representatives participating in the group to define the criterion that will determine which States are to be selected, and therefore, referred this decision to the Directors of Civil Aviation who will meet in the CAR Region in June and in the SAM Region in October 2011.

3.3 Notwithstanding, the Group offered for the future discussion several options of possible criteria to select the States, presented as follows for reference:

- States providing air navigation services for one or more FIRs
- Size of the FIR
- Level of aviation activity
- Level of aviation development
- States that volunteer
- States grouped by political agreements
- States grouped by geographic vicinity
- States grouped by similarities

3.4 When finalizing the debate, the proposed membership for the GREPECAS Programmes and Projects Review Committee was revised as follows:

The GREPECAS Programmes and Projects Review Committee comprises the GREPECAS Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Co-Secretary, 8 States of the CAR Region and 8 States of the SAM Region (to be identified by the Directors of Civil Aviation of the States at a later date). Other States may participate in meetings whenever they wish if the agenda includes some topic of interest. The international organizations: ACI, CANSO, IATA, IFALPA and IFATCA, and other international organizations and States of other Regions, may be invited to participate in meetings as Observers.

4. Action by GREPECAS

4.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) consider the approval of the proposed membership of the GREPECAS Programmes and Projects Review Committee presented in paragraph 3.4; and
- b) request the Secretariat to present to the upcoming Directors of Civil Aviation Meetings in the CAR and SAM Regions the requirement for the selection and commitment of States to become members of the Committee.

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