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Agenda Item 30: Other issues to be considered by the Technical Commission

SUPPORT STAFF IN SUSTAINING THE SSO INTEGRATED INTO THE SSP

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This working paper covers support staff recruitment and training required to sustain the State safety oversight system under State safety programmes (SSP) in support of State and regional safety management.

These requirements may coincide with those in other States and regions and may be taken into consideration when formulating global aviation safety improvement strategies; they may be draw on favourable results from effective Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) implementation and contribute to the achievement of goals relating to the effective implementation of SSPs under the *Global Aviation Safety Plan* (GASP, Doc 10004).

**Action:** The Assembly is invited to:

- a) take note of the information contained in this working paper; and
- b) take these considerations into account when developing and implementing GASP strategies and when conducting activities for its effective implementation.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objective — <i>Safety</i>
<i>Financial implications:</i>	Not applicable
<i>References:</i>	Doc 9734, <i>Safety Oversight Manual</i> , Part A — <i>The Establishment and Management of a State Safety Oversight System</i> AN-Conf /13-WP/122

<sup>1</sup> Spanish version provided by Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

<sup>2</sup> Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The amendment to Annex 19 — *Safety Management* was proposed in recognition of the need to elucidate the relation between the eight critical elements (CE) of a State safety oversight (SSO) system and the elements detailed in the State safety programme (SSP).

1.2 Pursuant to Amendment 1 to Annex 19, the provisions on the State's functional safety management responsibility were consolidated in Chapter 3. The CE of an SSO system are now SSP framework elements integrated into a harmonized collection of Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS).

1.3 Critical elements integrated as SSP elements have been assessed under the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) and were previously detailed in *Safety Oversight Manual, Part A — The Establishment and Management of a State Safety Oversight System* (Doc 9734), which offers guidance on the CEs of a system that enables the State to discharge its functional safety oversight responsibilities.

## 2. IMPLEMENTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SSO CRITICAL ELEMENTS INTEGRATED INTO THE SSP FRAMEWORK

2.1 In implementing and establishing an adequate mechanism for the sustainability of SSO critical elements integrated in the SSP framework, internal State audits constitute a useful mechanism for ensuring SSP by evaluating State safety performance.

2.2 The review of and improvements to elements that support State safety management may constitute one of the SSP goals, which may be measured by using effective implementation (EI for each CE) as the SSP safety performance indicator (SPI).

2.3 In view of the need to conduct internal State audits, a group of auditors must be trained in the SSP framework of each State or regional group of States.

2.4 The training received by State staff to participate in USOAP audits and activities are a reasonable alternative in fulfilling these requirements.

2.5 Furthermore, initiatives such as those mentioned in the working paper presented by Canada at the Thirteenth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/13-WP/122) are other alternatives for consolidating practical auditing experience.

2.6 The training of auditing staff in USOAP auditing criteria and implementation would strengthen effectiveness in States' self-evaluation within the USOAP CMA framework, while providing support for audits of SSO critical elements integrated into the SSP framework.