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Regional Aviation Safety Group - Middle East

Fifth Meeting (RASG-MID/5)  
(Doha, Qatar, 22-24 May 2016)

**Agenda Item 2: Global Developments related to Aviation Safety**

RASG ACTIVITIES IN OTHER REGIONS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

| <b>SUMMARY</b>  |   |
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| <p>This information paper provides an update on the activities of ICAO Regional Aviation Safety Groups.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.</p> |   |
| <i>Strategic Objectives:</i>  | <p>This paper relates to Strategic Objective A: <b>Safety</b> – Enhance global civil aviation safety.</p>   |
| <i>References:</i>  | <p><b><u>RASG Meetings</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RASG-AFI/3, YAMOISSOUKRO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE 3-4 DECEMBER, 2015<br/>(<a href="http://www.icao.int/WACAF/PAGES/RASG-AFI.ASPX">HTTP://WWW.ICAO.INT/WACAF/PAGES/RASG-AFI.ASPX</a>)</li> <li>2. RASG-APAC/4, Manila, Philippines, 26-27 October 2015: Restricted<br/>(<a href="https://portal.icao.int/RO_APAC/Meetings/Pages/2015-RASG-APAC5.aspx">https://portal.icao.int/RO_APAC/Meetings/Pages/2015-RASG-APAC5.aspx</a>)</li> <li>3. RASG-EUR/04, Paris (France), 25-26 February 2015<br/>(<a href="http://www.icao.int/EURNAT/Pages/EURNAT-Meetings-RASGEUR.aspx">http://www.icao.int/EURNAT/Pages/EURNAT-Meetings-RASGEUR.aspx</a>)</li> <li>4. RASG-MID/4, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 30 March - 1 April 2015<br/>(<a href="http://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/rasgmid.aspx">http://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/rasgmid.aspx</a>)</li> <li>5. RASG-PA/8, Medellín, Colombia, 25 June 2015<br/>(<a href="http://icao.int/NACC/Pages/meetings-2015-rasgpa8.aspx">http://icao.int/NACC/Pages/meetings-2015-rasgpa8.aspx</a>)</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Regional Annual Safety Reports</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report: First Edition<br/>(<a href="http://www.icao.int/ESAF/Pages/rasg-afi.aspx">http://www.icao.int/ESAF/Pages/rasg-afi.aspx</a>)</li> <li>7. RASG-APAC Annual Safety Report: Third Edition: Restricted<br/>(<a href="https://portal.icao.int/RO_APAC/Meetings/Documents/APAC%20Safety%20Report%202015.pdf">https://portal.icao.int/RO_APAC/Meetings/Documents/APAC%20Safety%20Report%202015.pdf</a>)</li> <li>8. RASG-EUR Annual Safety Report: First Edition<br/>(<a href="http://www.icao.int/EURNAT/Pages/EUR-and-NAT-Documents.aspx">http://www.icao.int/EURNAT/Pages/EUR-and-NAT-Documents.aspx</a>)</li> <li>9. RASG-MID Annual Safety Report: Third Edition<br/>(<a href="http://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/rasgmid.aspx">http://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/rasgmid.aspx</a>)</li> <li>10. RASG-PA Annual Safety Report: Fifth Edition<br/>(<a href="http://www.icao.int/RASGPA/Pages/asrt.aspx">http://www.icao.int/RASGPA/Pages/asrt.aspx</a>)</li> </ol> |

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|  | <p><b><u>RASG Procedural Handbooks</u></b></p> <p><b>11.</b> RASG-AFI (see RASG-AFI/1 Report, Appendix 2F):<br/>(<a href="http://www.icao.int/WACAF/Pages/rasg-afi.aspx">http://www.icao.int/WACAF/Pages/rasg-afi.aspx</a>)</p> <p><b>12.</b> RASG-APAC (See RASG-APAC/5 WP10): Restricted<br/><a href="https://portal.icao.int/RO_APAC/Meetings/Pages/2015-RASG-APAC5.aspx">https://portal.icao.int/RO_APAC/Meetings/Pages/2015-RASG-APAC5.aspx</a></p> <p><b>13.</b> RASG-EUR Fourth Edition:<br/>(<a href="http://www.icao.int/EURNAT/Pages/EUR-and-NAT-Document.aspx">http://www.icao.int/EURNAT/Pages/EUR-and-NAT-Document.aspx</a>)</p> <p><b>14.</b> RASG-MID Second Edition (see RASG-MID/2 Final Report, Appendix 4C):<br/>(<a href="http://www.icao.int/MID/Documents/2012/rasg_mid_2/Docs/Final_Report.pdf">http://www.icao.int/MID/Documents/2012/rasg_mid_2/Docs/Final_Report.pdf</a>)</p> <p><b>15.</b> RASG-PA 3rd Edition:<br/><a href="http://www.icao.int/RASGPA/Documents/RASG_PA/RASGPAProceduralHndbkBL.pdf">http://www.icao.int/RASGPA/Documents/RASG_PA/RASGPAProceduralHndbkBL.pdf</a></p> |
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 25 May 2010, with the aim of supporting a regional performance framework for the management of safety, the 190th Session of the Council of ICAO approved the establishment of the following Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs): RASG-AFI for the African Region, RASG-APAC for the Asia and Pacific Regions, RASG-EUR for the European Region, RASG-MID for the Middle East Region, and RASG-PA for the Caribbean, South American and North American Regions (including Central America). This paper provides an update on RASG activities in the other Regions.

## 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 This paper presents a summary of RASG activities and work programme for the benefit of the other RASGs.

2.2 Additional information on RASGs including meeting reports, annual safety reports, procedural handbooks and safety advisories, can be found on the ICAO Portal <http://portallogin.icao.int> (subscribe to PIRG-RASG-TRACK group) and click on the PIRG/RASG Information link.

### **THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP – AFRICA (RASG-AFI)**

2.3 The current RASG-AFI organization is in **Appendix A** to this paper.

#### 2.4 **RASG-AFI 2015 Activities:**

- The RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) conducts most of its activities by means of teleconferences, for time and cost-effectiveness. The teleconferences are envisaged to be conducted on quarterly basis, unless otherwise considered necessary. The key activities of RASC relate to the programmes and implementation actions of the Group's subsidiary bodies. It continuously monitors the implementation status of the various RASG-AFI projects; identifying any challenges being encountered and possible means of overcoming them. In addition to the Safety Support Teams (SSTs), RASC has also established a Project Group headed by AFCAC to monitor and evaluate the status of implementation of the Abuja Safety Targets by States.

- The first face-to-face meeting of RASC was convened at the ICAO WACAF Office in Dakar, Senegal, from 19 to 20 March, 2015. Several Conclusions and Decisions were drawn at this meeting. Amongst the outcomes of the meeting was a review of the RASG-AFI Organizational Structure for optimization of the reporting lines and a proposal to include Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) in the work of the Emerging Safety Issues SST.
- The first edition of the AFI Annual Safety Report was produced by the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) and successfully launched during the Aviation Safety Symposium held in Maputo, Mozambique, on 20 and 21 May 2015.
- The Second AFI Aviation Safety Symposium, May 20-21, 2015, Maputo, Mozambique.
- The Third Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for AFI (RASG-AFI/3) was opened on the 3rd of December 2015, jointly with the 20th Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/20).

#### 2.5 **RASG-AFI 2016 Activities:**

- 3rd AFI Aviation Safety Symposium (Tuesday, 28 June 2016, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea)
- RASG-AFI activities plan for 2016 can be found in Appendix C of the RASG-AFI/3 Meeting report  
at: <http://www.icao.int/WACAF/Documents/RASG%20AFI/RASG-AFI-3/Appendix%20C%20-%20RASG-AFI%20Activities%20for%202016.pdf>

### **THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP – ASIA AND PACIFIC (RASG-APAC)**

2.6 The current RASG-APAC organization is in **Appendix B** to this paper.

2.7 RASG-APAC has produced three editions of the “RASG-APAC Annual Safety Report.” The Safety Reports contains reactive information relating to hull loss and fatal accidents, both on the ground and in flight, involving commercial aeroplanes operated by (or registered with) the member States/Administrations of the RASG-APAC.

#### 2.8 **RASG-APAC 2015 Activities:**

- Issued a state survey on the use of RASG-APAC endorsed safety tools and compliance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) as part of a monitoring mechanism to monitor the implementation of RASG APAC safety tools by APAC States/ Administrations.  
([https://portal.icao.int/RO\\_APAC/Pages/StateLetters.aspx?year=2015](https://portal.icao.int/RO_APAC/Pages/StateLetters.aspx?year=2015))
- RASG-APAC/5 Meeting - Manila, Philippines, 26-27 October.
- RASG-APAC has issued several safety advisories that can be found at: <http://www.icao.int/APAC/Pages/edocs.aspx>

## 2.9 **RASG-APAC 2016 Activities:**

- Updating DIP and draft Model Advisory Circular for SEI RI/2 on Runway Incursion Standard Operating Procedures and Pilot Training
- APAC-AIG developing practical guidance on the establishment of functionally independent accident investigation bodies.
- APAC-AIG clarifying the classification of occurrences into the categories of 'accidents' and 'serious incidents'
- Singapore developing APRAST 'Starter Kit' to encourage participation and enhance the effectiveness of preparations for APRAST/ RASG-APAC Meetings
- APRAST Co-chairs, with the help of SEI WG Co-Chairs, developing a forecast of workshops held in conjunction with APRAST meetings, for the next two to three years
- Formation of Task force to develop action plan for capacity building with special emphasis on Critical Element 4 "qualified personnel"
- Enhancing the Monitoring Mechanism on State Implementation Safety Tools
- Developing a Dedicated web portal for RASG-APAC/APRAST
- RASG-APAC/6 Meeting - Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1-2 August
- Publication of 2016 APAC Annual Safety Report

## **THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP (RASG-EUR)**

2.10 The current RASG-EUR organization is **Appendix C** to this paper.

2.11 In line with the outcome of the HLSC 2015, the ICAO Secretariat made the following recommendations for the RASG-EUR area:

- State Plans of Action (PoA) should be established for priority States based on safety risk;
- Efforts should be made to align the regional activities of the ICAO Regional Office, the RASG-EUR, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), and the Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC) against priority States and regional safety targets;
- Actions should be prioritized to support improvements in order to resolve SSCs and enhance safety oversight capabilities of the weakest States (with EIs < 60);
- States should request Technical Assistance from ICAO when needed;
- States should request ICAO Coordinated Validation Missions (ICVMs) and/or off-site activities once ready in order to have their EI score updated after validation by ICAO; and
- States should report against regional safety targets and safety performance indicators.

## 2.12 **RASG-EUR 2015 Activities:**

- The RASG/04 approved the creation of a Helicopter Safety Team (IE-HOST) reporting to IE-REST.
- Development of a regional mechanism for sharing resources among States to provide safety implementation assistance to States with relatively low EI (Effective Implementation) and high safety risk.

- RASG-EUR/4 - Paris, France, 25-26 February 2015
- IE-REST/05 - Moscow, Russia, 19-20 May 2015
- IE-REST/06 - Paris, France, 20-22 October 2015
- RCOG/05 - Paris Office, 03-04 November 2015

2.13 **RASG-EUR 2016 Activities:**

- RASG-EUR/5 - Paris, France, 3-4 November 2016
- RASG-EUR to publish safety advisory on guidance for Air Operators in developing SOP supporting runway safety (scheduled for November 2016)

**THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP – PAN AMERICA (RASG-PA)**

2.14 The current RASG-PA organization is in **Appendix D** to this paper.

2.15 The RASG-PA mission is to enhance civil aviation safety and efficiency in Pan America through coordination and collaboration by all aviation stakeholders under ICAO's leadership; and the vision involves all of them in reducing aviation safety risks through harmonized and coordinated mitigation efforts aimed at promoting implementation of safety initiatives.

2.16 The RASG-PA Executive Steering Committee (ESC) leadership is composed of two Co-Chairpersons representing States/Territories (Curacao) and international organizations/industry (Boeing), respectively; four Vice-Chairpersons representing States (Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, and United States). ICAO is represented by the NACC (Secretariat) and SAM Regional Offices.

2.17 In order to conduct its activities, RASG-PA has established the following teams:

- i) Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT)
- ii) Aviation Safety Training Team (ASTT)
- iii) Information Analysis Team (IAT)
- iv) Pan America – Regional Aviation Safety Team (PA-RAST)

2.18 The fifth edition of the RASG-PA Annual Safety Report (ASR) reveals that the top three risk areas in the Pan American Region continue to be Runway Excursion (RE), Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT), and Loss of Control In-Flight (LOC-I). Recently, Mid-Air Collision (MAC) was added to the list as the fourth risk area in the Region.

2.19 **RASG-PA 2015 Activities:**

- RASG-PA activities plan for 2015 is available at: [www.icao.int/RASGPA/Documents/RASG-PA/RASG-PAProgramme2015Rev.pdf](http://www.icao.int/RASGPA/Documents/RASG-PA/RASG-PAProgramme2015Rev.pdf)

2.20 **RASG-PA 2016 Activities:**

- RASG-PA 2016 activities plan for 2016 is available at: <http://www.icao.int/NACC/Documents/Meetings/2015/RASGPAESC25/RASGPAESC25WP04.pdf>

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

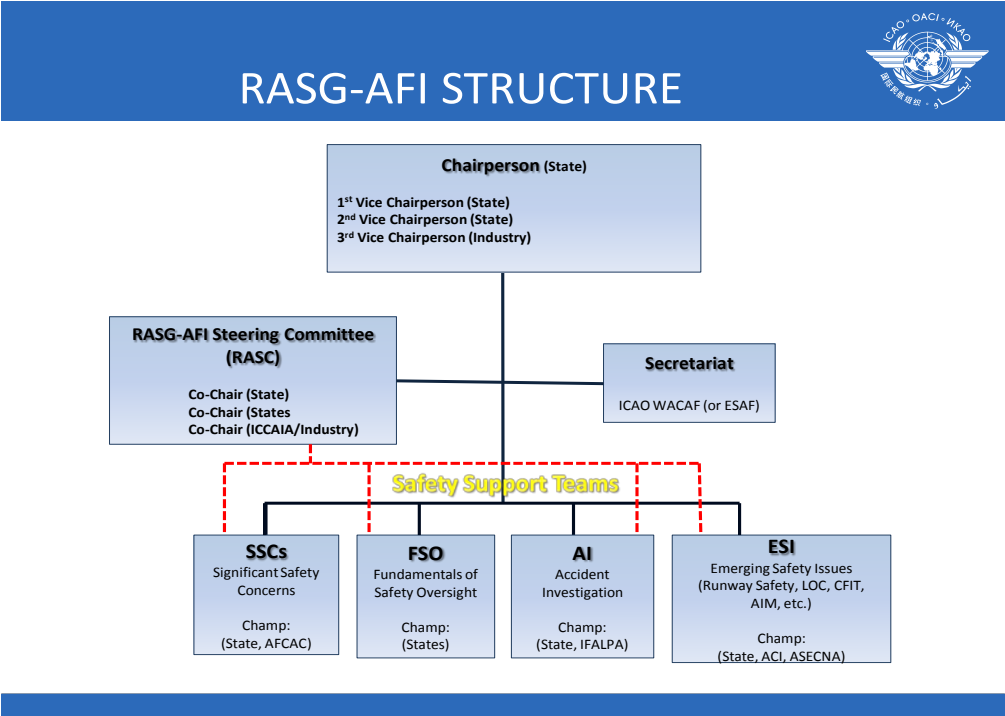
3.1 The RASG-MID/5 Meeting is invited to note the content of this Information Paper.

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APPENDIX A

RASG-AFI ORGANIZATION

RASG-AFI Chairperson: Mr. Simon Allotey, Director General, Ghana Civil Aviation Authority, Private Mail Bag, Kotoka International Airport, Accra, Ghana

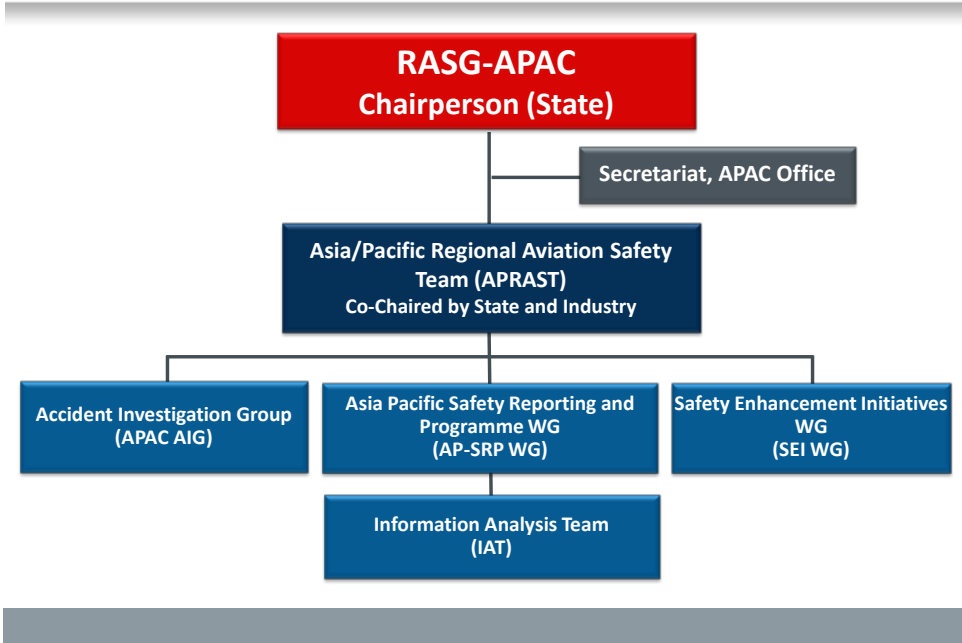


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APPENDIX B

RASG-APAC ORGANIZATION

Chairperson: Mr. H. M. C. NIMALSIRI Director General of Civil Aviation & Chief Executive Officer  
Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka



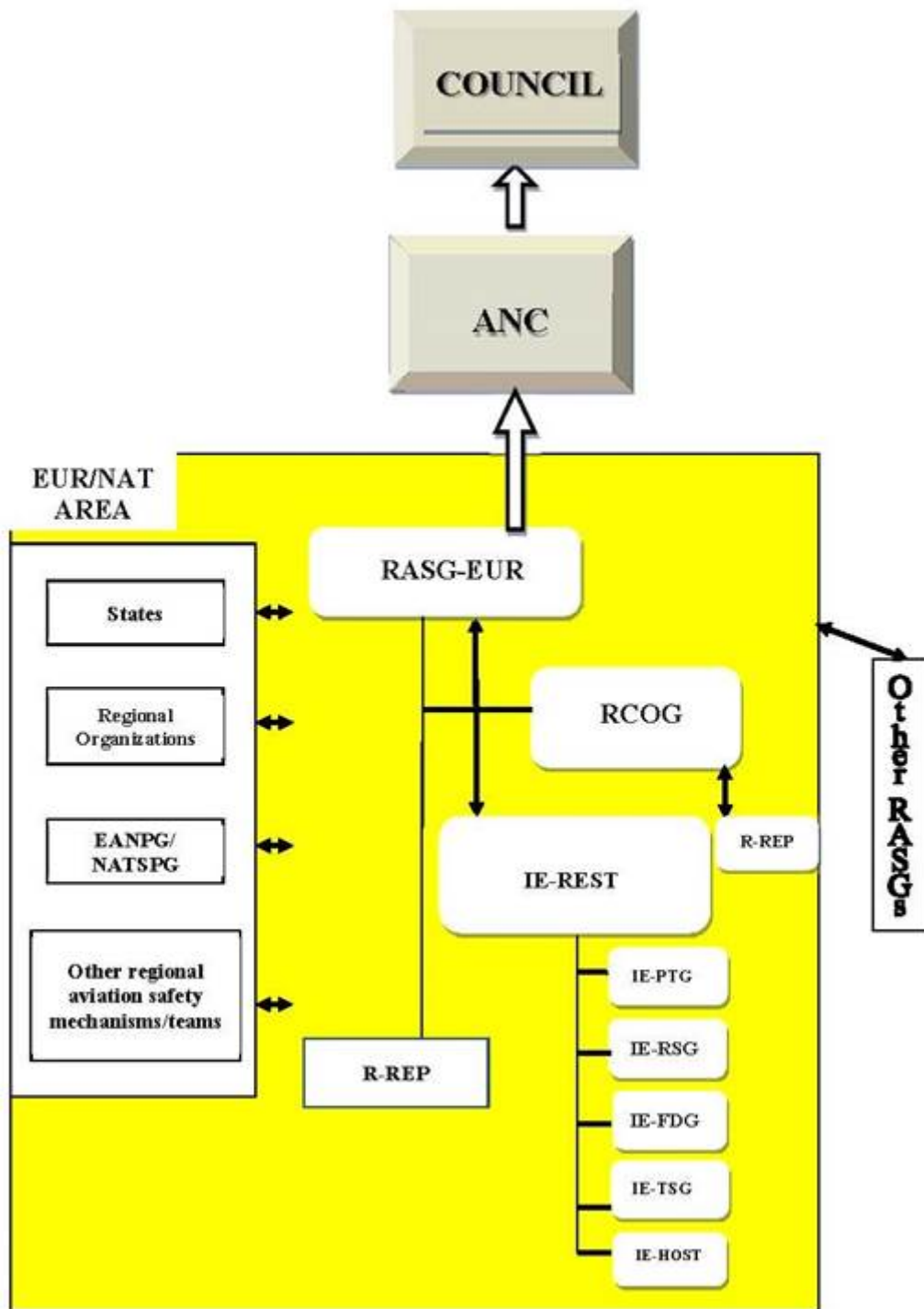
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APPENDIX C

RASG-EUR ORGANIZATION

Chairperson: Mr. Gerold Reichle, Director General for Civil Aviation and Aerospace of Germany



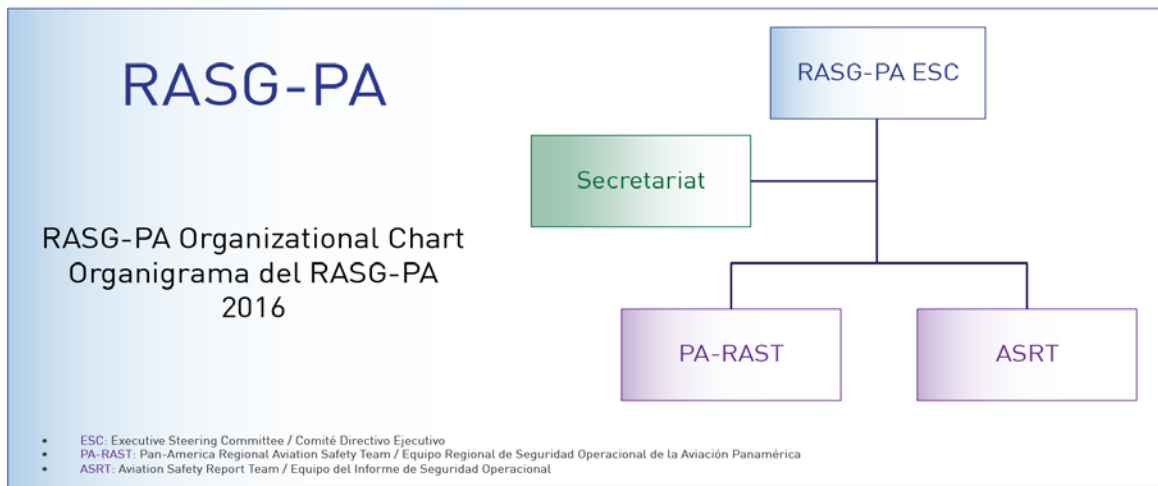
APPENDIX D

RASG-PA ORGANIZATION

Co-Chairperson, representing States/Territories: Mr. Oscar Derby, Director General, Curaçao Civil Aviation Authority

Co-Chairperson, representing International Organizations/Industry: Gerardo Hueto, Chief Aviation System Safety, Boeing

RASG-PA Organizational Chart



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