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Agenda Item 3:

Air Navigation Matters

3.2 Follow-up on the implementation of the NAM/CAR Regional Performance Based Air Navigation Plan (RPBANIP) in Central America and the Central Caribbean

ICAO FINAL POSITION FOR THE ITU RADIO COMMUNICATION CONFERENCE 2012 (WRC-2012)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper presents the ICAO final position for the ITU WRC-2012, the support given by the States and the agreements achieved in the sub-regional working groups meetings recommending several actions to follow-up by the States and the coordination with ICAO for the next ITU Radio Communication Conference.

References:

- ICAO Assembly resolution A36-25;
- NACC/DCA/3 Meeting Report (Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 8-12 September 2008);
- GREPECAS/16 Meeting Report; (Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 28 March to 1 April 2011);
- Performance Objective No. 8 – *Protection and optimum use of radiofrequency spectrum* of the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (NAM/CAR RPBANIP);
- ICAO NAM/CAR/SAM Regional Preparatory Meeting for ITU WRC-2012 (NCSRPM);
- NACC/DCA/ Final Report (San Pedro Sula, Honduras, 20-20 June 2011); and
- NACC/WG/3 Meeting Report (Guatemala City, Guatemala, 9 to 13 May 2011).

Strategic Objectives

This working paper is related to Strategic Objectives A and C.

1. Introduction

1.1 In mid-2011, ICAO updated its position for the WRC-2012 with several updates which were disseminated to all focal points who were nominated by their States.

1.2 The NACC/WG/3 Meeting invited the States/Territories/International Organizations to follow-up all the reviews and the final version of this position with its National Authorities in charge of the Radiofrequencies Spectrum Management.

1.3 The ITU Radio Communication Conference 2012 (WRC-12), was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 23 January to 17 February 2012.

2. States Support to the ICAO Position for the WRC-2012

2.1 The follow-up to this support is given through the implementation of activities contained in the Performance Objective of No. 8 - *Protection and optimum use of radiofrequency spectrum* under the NAM/CAR RPBANIP and the ICAO NAM/CAR/SAM Regional Preparatory Meeting (NCSRPM) for ITU WRC-2012. (Mexico City, Mexico, 21-22 April 2010) and the coordination with focal points designated by the States.

2.2 The Fourth Meeting of the NACC Directors of Civil Aviation (NACC/DCA/4) recognized the importance of the radiofrequency spectrum as a scarce resource with finite capacity limits with constantly increasing demand, and a critical aspect for civil aviation safety, the effective implementation of existing and future communications, navigation and surveillance systems and air traffic management.

2.3 The NACC/DCA/4 reiterated the support of the States to the ICAO ITU World Radio Communication Conference 2012 (WRC-12) as required in the Resolution A36-25 – *Support of the ICAO policy on radio frequency spectrum matters*, GREPECAS Conclusion 15/46 – *CAR/SAM Regional Action Plan for the Preparation and Support of the ICAO Position for WRC-12*, and NACC/DCA Conclusion 3/6 – *NAM/CAR States Support to the ICAO Position for the ITU WRC-12*

2.4 In this sense, the NACC/DCA/4 agreed to replace the NACC/DCA Conclusion 3/6 with the following conclusion:

CONCLUSION 4/3 SUPPORT TO ICAO POSITION FOR THE ITU WRC-2012

To support the ICAO Position for the ITU Radio Communication Conference 2012 (WRC-2012), that States/Territories/International Organizations of the NAM/CAR Regions:

- a) follow-up and coordinate with their National Radiofrequency Spectrum Management Authorities on the revised ICAO position;
- b) continue participation in the ITU meetings in support of the ICAO position; and
- c) actively participate in the WRC-2012 Meeting to support the ICAO position.

2.5 The results of the WRC12 will be informed at the appropriate time, as well as the ICAO initial position to the ITU Radio Communications World Conference in 2016 (WRC-16).

2.6 For the optimum use of radiofrequency spectrum assigned to the aviation the frequency assignments lists 1, 2 and 3 have been updated and informed to the CAR Region States through NACC State Letter Ref. EMX0075 dated 26 January 2012. The mentioned lists are available in the ICAO NACC Regional Office web page (<http://www.mexico.icao.int>) under section *Regional Data Bases – Radio Frequency Assignment Lists*. Also, additional information has been updated to these lists and the references included in the CAR/SAM Air Navigation Plan (Doc 8733) and explanatory notes of these lists. The States were invited to take note of this updates and review the information by providing to this Regional Office any change or observation to these updates and no later than **30 March 2012**.

3. Suggested actions

3.1 The meeting is invited to encourage the States to:

- a) confirm the focal points to support ICAO position to the ITU Radio Communications World Conferences;
- b) inform in coordination with their National Authorities managing the radio spectrum of any relevant consideration, which may affect the use and the radio electric protection spectrum;
- c) inform any update to the frequency assignment lists, as indicated in paragraph 2.6; and
- d) continue with the participation in the ITU meetings in support to ICAO position, in order to ensure active participation supporting the ICAO position.