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- Agenda Item 8: Regional Cooperation and Training**
8.3 ICAO Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA) – Americas

CAPSCA PROJECT IN HAITI

(Presented by Haiti)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
Last year, Haiti welcomed an important assistance visit of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA Americas) team aimed at implementing a medical emergency preparedness plan with the collaboration of Public health and Civil Aviation Authorities. This paper outlines the status of the project as well as the willingness to go forward such an important plan.	
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Security & Facilitation• Environmental Protection
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistance Visit of the WHO/PAHO/ICAO/Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA Americas) Americas team to Haiti and Toussaint Louverture International Airport Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 6 to 8 May 2013

1. Introduction

1.1 From 6 to 7 May, 2013, CAPSCA realized its first assistance visit to the Aeroport International Toussaint Louverture de Port-au-Prince with the objective to make an assessment and gather the different Haitian stakeholders on the subject of a civil aviation and public health emergency preparedness plan. This assistance visit raised the awareness of several public health and civil aviation professionals for the planning of public health events in civil aviation.

2. Development

2.1 A substantial assessment of the current preparedness status was performed by reviewing current legislation, regulation, provisions and requirements, coordination and procedures as well as current infrastructure dedicated to the handling of spread diseases at the AITL of Port-au-Prince. It was the first time such a large diversity of stakeholders including airlines, immigration and customs, police, airport and air navigation personnel, transport, civil aviation and public health authorities participated in this kind of event while emphasizing on the importance to work together and set up a solid preparedness plan.

2.2 The group expressed its willingness to work together in view to refine preparedness plans and properly get organized to response to health events with the idea individual initiatives will not be sufficient and bearing in mind the sparking of recent public health events in many parts of the world.

2.3 A follow-up meeting took place in the second semester of last year in an attempt to set an organized response network for emergency health events in the civil aviation. OFNAC updated the meeting on the existing national aviation regulations with ICAO standards related to public health and informed on the need for a National Aviation Plan related to Public Health Emergency, In this regard, it is required to update the Air Traffic Services (ATS) contingency plan part on public health emergencies and implement an adequate ATS procedures for notification of suspected public health risk on board of an aircraft. The same requirement prevails for the AAN Airport Aerodrome Emergency Plan and aerodrome and airline Manual parts on public health emergencies.

2.4 OFNAC will continue to make the follow-up with ICAO on the action plans to increase effective implementation of SARPs and update the GANDD consequently

3. Suggested action

3.1 The Meeting is invited to take note of this information and provide comments and suggestions as deemed necessary