



WORKING PAPER

AIR NAVIGATION COMMISSION

**REVIEW OF THE REPORTS OF
THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE
OF CAR/SAM REGIONAL PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION GROUP
(GREPECAS-PPRC/4)
AND
THE NINTH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP - PAN AMERICA
(RASG-PA/9)
(Item 20320)**

(Presented by the Chairperson of the ANC Working Group of the Whole for Strategic Review and Planning)

<p style="text-align: center;">SUMMARY</p> <p>The ANC Working Group of the Whole for Strategic Review and Planning hereby presents its review of the reports of the GREPECAS PPRC/4 and RASG-PA/9 meetings.</p> <p>Action by the Air Navigation Commission is in paragraph 4.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WORK PROGRAMME ELEMENTS</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COORDINATION</p> <p>All related ANB Sections, NACC and SAM Regional Offices</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">REFERENCES</p> <p>*GREPECAS PPRC/4 Report *RASG-PA/9 Report Summary Report</p> <p>This working paper relates to the strategic objectives for safety and air navigation capacity and efficiency.</p> <p>*Principal references</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The fourth meeting of the Programmes and Projects Review Committee of the GREPECAS was held in Lima, Peru from 12 – 14 July 2016. The meeting was attended by 45 participants from 13 States and 5 International Organisations. The ninth meeting of the RASG-PA was

held in Panama City, Panama on 23 June 2016. It was attended by 203 participants from 23 States and 14 International Organisations as well as 15 members of the ANC on a study trip.

1.2 The WG/SRP reviewed both reports on 23 November 2016. The meeting was also attended via remote videoconference by the Regional Directors and the relevant the Technical Officers (TO) from the NACC and South America Regional Offices and by the Chair of the GREPECAS from Haiti.

1.3 The meeting held a meaningful dialogue on the challenges, risks and opportunities in the North American, Caribbean and South American regions. The PPRC had two draft Conclusions and four draft Decisions to be validated at the GREPECAS/18 meeting, and the RASG-PA had no Conclusions and two Decisions. None of these were directed to ICAO Headquarters. All necessary follow-up action will be taken by the Secretary General in accordance with established practice.

2. DISCUSSION

GREPECAS-PPRC/4

2.1 The GREPECAS Chair provided an update on the GREPECAS-PPRC/4 meeting. He highlighted the positive progress made in PBN and Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) implementation projects and also reported on progress with ATS Inter-facility Data Communications (AIDC) implementation in the CAR and SAM regions. He also informed the WG/SRP of the progress of ATS Message Handling System (AHMS) implementation.

2.2 The WG/SRP requested clarification on the rationale of decision PPRC/4-3 on the postponement of the approval of Vol. III of the CAR/SAM e-ANP, given the fact that the GANP was relatively stable. It was clarified that the PPRC/4 decided, in coordination with ICAO HQ, to postpone the delivery date of Volume III due to the proposed changes to the GANP 2019 in order to have a consistent and harmonized Volume III for the Region. However, the work related with its development will continue in parallel to the development of the 2019 edition of the GANP. The WG/SRP was informed of the validity of the performance-based regional plans of the CAR (RPNAMIP) and SAM (PBIP) regions for the implementation of the improvements foreseen in both regions

2.3 The GREPECAS Chair and the RD NACC pointed out that although aerodrome certification figures are 36% and 16% of international airports in the CAR and SAM regions respectively, this represents an increase since the last report. A number of additional airports have entered the certification process and once completed the regions should meet the 48% Port of Spain target. The WG/SRP pointed out that the ADOP PANS Study Group should be made aware of specific certification challenges to enable these to be considered for inclusion in the second edition of the PANS-Aerodromes so that other regions can also benefit.

2.4 With regards to the delay in implementing e-TOD for Area 2, the WG/SRP was interested to know what challenges States were experiencing. The TO South America pointed out that many States are struggling to plan for and obtain funding for equipment and resources as well as experiencing difficulties in establishing agreements between cartographers and aeronautical authorities. The TO reiterated that the guidance material on AIS-AIM transition was woefully out of date and updated material was sorely needed.

2.5 The WG/SRP noted that most regions were experiencing similar difficulties for quite some time and advised that that the Secretariat was prioritising a re-write of Doc 8126, *AIS Manual*,

and that the Annex 15 and PANS-AIM restructure work would soon be undergoing State Consultation. It was also noted that the Pan America Region, like many others, were experiencing difficulties related to the lack of provisions for the competency of meteorology personnel.

RASG-PA/9

2.6 Mr. Romy Gallegos, Technical Assistance Officer, NACC office, kindly took time out from a training course to present the summary report for the RASG-PA. He highlighted progress on the USOAP Effective Implementation (EI) rate, which stands at an overall average of almost 70%. He briefed the WG/SRP on the RASG-PA's partnership with CAST and IATA to exchange safety information and assist states with conducting safety analyses. Current RASG-PA activities include incorporating English/Spanish phraseology in the PANS-ATM, implementation of the Central American Accident Investigation Group and establishing a flight information quality assurance programme. The RASG-PA handbook has been revised to include procedures for coordination with GREPECAS.

2.7 In response to a question on MAC reports and Large Height Deviations (LHD), the TO explained that hotspots had been identified and that work was being progressed to address issues occurring in the handover between Area Control Centres. The WG/SRP expressed its appreciation with regards to the work undertaken to address this risk.

2.8 The WG/SRP noted the difficulties in implementing the Safety Information Protection SARPs and recalled the related discussion in the Technical Commission of the 39th Assembly. The DRD South America pointed out that it will take time for national laws to be updated to ensure a balance between Freedom of Information laws and the protection of safety information. He suggested that States drafting new laws request ICAO LEB to review of the draft laws in order to assist in providing this balance. Furthermore, he suggested ICAO consider providing some standard legal text that might assist States. The Secretariat noted that guidance material on Safety Information Protection is scheduled to be published in July 2017 as part of the revised Safety Management Manual (Doc 9859).

2.9 In response to a question on whether any initiatives were being taken with regards to UAS/RPAS, the DRD South America informed the WG/SRP that a seminar had been held in South America and that the RSVSOP (the RSOO) has initiated a project to assist States with their oversight in line with ICAO. The RD NACC pointed out that disparities in the approaches to UAS regulation and oversight existed amongst Pan American States. The Regional Offices were advised of the [SUAS SG best practices website](#) and its [video introduction](#).

3. CONCLUSIONS

3.1 The WG/SRP expressed appreciation of how the report material was presented in terms of difficulties and corresponding recommendations and actions.

3.2 The WG/SRP was very grateful for the time and effort expended by the Chair of the GREPECAS as well as the Lima and Mexico Regional Office staff in engaging in a fruitful exchange.

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4. **ACTION BY THE AIR NAVIGATION COMMISSION**

4.1 The Air Navigation Commission is invited to:

- a) note the effect of the lack of global guidance on AIS-AIM transition is having on implementation;
- b) request the Secretariat to continue to provide guidance to the Region with respect to the publication of the new regional ANP Volume III; and
- c) note draft Decision 4/2 of GREPECAS/PPRC (**Resolution of Aeronautical Meteorology Deficiencies**: States and WMO work together to conduct training courses) in the light of other regions' similar comments.

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