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4.6 Performance Level (last year's red)**

MAKING OF A NATIONAL AIR ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT INVESTIGATION AGENCY IN NICARAGUA

(Presented by Nicaragua)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This information Paper (IP), disclose the steps that State of Nicaragua is taking in the making of a National Agency that can carry on the investigation of aviation accidents and incidents in whole national territory, the agency will have independence from Civil Aeronautics Authority.	
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Economic Development of Air Transport
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chicago Convention (7300)• Annex 13• Annex 19• Law N° 595; Civil Aeronautics Law.• Constitutive Convention of COCESNA• Doc 9756• Doc 9946• Doc 10053*

1. Introduction

1.1 State of Nicaragua as Chicago Convention signatory, has the dictation to compliance with Annex 13, which establishes the need of independence of the investigation of air accidents, from civil aviation authority, added to dictation of Annex 19 considering Accident Investigation as part of SSP.

1.2 State of Nicaragua and Central America States Members of COCESNA have tried different choices to solve the findings left from ICAO USOAP Programme Audits cycle, which turn out to be the same for all these member states. This is how GRIAA initiative came out, by creating a Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Group, ascribed to Central American Air Navigation Services Corporation (COCESNA).

1.3 State of Nicaragua in compliance with its civil aeronautics law (595), based on article 8, has the empowerment to adopt and make on its own all standards and recommended practices (SARPS) of ICAO, which is why it has been possible for us to be part of Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Group (GRIAA), in order to give a solution about the independence of investigations.

1.4 However, Nicaragua has routed efforts to create its own National Accident Investigation Agency.

2. Firsts steps for the making of an Independent Accident Investigation Agency in Nicaragua.

2.1 Since half 2017, we began arrangements with Presidency of the Republic in order to get the approval to separate the Accident and incident Investigation on national territory from civil aviation authority. The proposal was approved and Presidency disposed to perform all necessary steps to make it possible.

2.2 The plan was developed and it included all required actions to compliance the start up of a completely independent Accident and Incidents Investigation Agency.

2.3 The actions below are a few taken for the beginning of the process:

- a) Amendment of 595 Law: Civil Aeronautics and all necessary associated Regulations.
- b) Financial, human and materials resources assignment.
- c) Personnel Training.
- d) Canadian Transport Safety Board (TSB) Cooperation agreements for accident investigation.

3. Closures.

3.1. The State of Nicaragua at making the necessary efforts to create a National Agency, is tuned with ICAO strategic objectives and represents an important step that will allow immediately to us to improve our Effective Implementation levels (EI), related to Accident and Incident Investigation (AIG) Auditable Area.

3.2 Nevertheless, is well timed to the State of Nicaragua by belonging to GRIAA because it represents a whole region efforts unification for resources optimization, trained personnel in the region, signature of agreements with international AIG organizations for equipment and data analysis during the investigation.

Benefits

3.1 Some benefits of establishing a National Agency will be:

- Impartiality in the safety recommendations of the National Agency.
- Compliance with the standards of Annex 13.

4. Proposed to the Meeting

4.1 Consider the steps that Nicaragua has taken for the making of a National and Independent Agency for Accident and Incident Investigation in its territory, as well as its integration to GRIAA.

4.2 To support the initiative and effort made.