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Mexico City, Mexico, 27 to 31 May, 2019

- Agenda Item 2: Review and Follow-up to Valid Conclusions/Decisions of the ANI/WG/04, NACC/WG/05 and GREPECAS/18 Meetings**
- 2.1 Follow-up and performance and monitoring assessment of the NAM/CAR Regional Performance-Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP)**
- 2.1.3 AGA, MET and SAR Information**

**AGA, MET, AND SAR INTEGRATION PROPOSAL FOR THE ANI/WG**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	
Follow-up to the proposal to include Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA), Aeronautical Meteorology (MET), and Search and Rescue (SAR) Task Forces in the ANI/WG due to the importance to maintain together all Air Navigation Areas considering the interaction and the interdependence among them.	
<b>Action:</b>	The suggested action is presented in Section 2.
<b>Strategic Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safety</li><li>• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency</li></ul>
<b>References:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAR Regional Performance-Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan (RPBANIP) <a href="https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/namcar-eANPV1.aspx">https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/namcar-eANPV1.aspx</a></li><li>• Air Navigation Plan for the Caribbean and South American Regions (Doc 8733)</li><li>• Fourth NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group Meeting (ANI/WG/4), Miami, United States, 21 – 24 August 2018</li><li>• Fifth North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group Meeting (NACC/WG/5), Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 22-26 May 2017</li></ul>

## 1. Introduction

1.1 During the Fourth NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group Meeting (ANI/WG/4) held in Miami, United States, from 21 to 24 August 2018 a proposal was presented to include the Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA), Aeronautical Meteorology (MET), and Search and Rescue (SAR) Task Forces, as part of the ANI/WG due to the importance to maintain together all the Tasks Forces of the air navigation areas considering the interaction and the interdependency existing among them.

1.2 Due to the great interaction and interdependency among all Air Navigation Service (ANS) areas, in particular for the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS) projects needing special support from the ANI/WG Tasks Forces for each ANS area; therefore, it is required that AGA, MET, and SAR be included in the ANI/WG, considering the alternative to create one or more new Tasks Forces.

1.3 The importance of the strategy of the Infrastructure and Standardization Policy for ANS that maintains a direct relation with the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) is recognized by all. The launching of all areas within the ANS, through the Planning and implementation Regional Group (PIRG), that includes all States and aviation partners to face the aviation risks which are often complex, require a multidisciplinary response coordinated with ANS.

1.4 In order to bring together the three ANS areas (AGA, MET, and SAR) in the ANI/WG considering the SWIM concept, the ANI/WG/4 agreed on the following Conclusion:

*CONCLUSIÓN*  
*ANI/WG/04/02*

*GREATER SUPPORT FROM STATES AND AIRPORT OPERATORS TO  
AGA/AOP, MET AND SAR TASK FORCES*

*That, States/Territories, International Organizations' airport operators (operational staff), show a stronger commitment and take more effective action in support of GREPECAS AGA, MET and SAR harmonized Projects, and designate experts as focal points by 31 October 2018, in order to support the implementation of aerodrome certification, meteorology and search and rescue activities through the integration into the ANI/WG.*

1.5 Furthermore, according to *Conclusion 18/8* from GREPECAS a letter was sent to States/Territories requesting the designation of an expert in aerodromes by 30 August 2018, and notify the ICAO NACC Regional Office its support for the implementation of the activities concerning Aerodrome Certification and be part of the AGA/AOP Subgroup.

1.6 Up to date, a response from Costa Rica has been received and the ICAO NACC Regional Office assumes the participation of experts from Cuba, El Salvador, and Jamaica, who notified in previous years to the Regional Office the designation of focal points in AGA.

1.7 The lack of designation of AGA experts impedes the creation of the AGA/AOP Subgroup and the support to the GREPECAS projects.

1.8 A Search and Rescue (SAR) Ad hoc Group was formed and held its first meeting in 2018. A working paper providing an update of the activities of the SAR Ad hoc group and following actions is being presented in this Meeting.

**2. Conclusion**

2.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the presented note; and
- b) make the decision to create or not the AGA, MET, and SAR Task Forces.