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**INFORMATION PAPER**

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**Agenda Item 3:** **Global, Intra- and Inter-Regional Air Navigation Activities**
**3.2** **Preparation for the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly**

**PREPARATION FOR THE 40TH SESSION OF THE ICAO ASSEMBLY**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This Information Paper presents information on the preparatory steps being taken by states for the 40$^{th}$ Session of the ICAO Assembly, including the development of working papers on air navigation matters.

## 1. Introduction

1.1 The Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is the sovereign body of the Organization. It meets at least once every three years, convened by the Council, which is the governing body of ICAO.

1.2 ICAO's 193 member States and a large number of international organisations are invited to this forum, which establishes the worldwide policy of the Organization for the upcoming triennium.

1.3 During Assembly sessions, ICAO's complete work programme in the technical, economic, legal and technical cooperation fields is reviewed in detail. Assembly outcomes are then provided to the other bodies of ICAO and to its member States in order to guide their continuing and future work, as prescribed in Article 49 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

1.4 The triannual budget of the Organization is approved and the Council for the next triennium is elected.

1.5 Each member State has the right to cast a vote on the issues being discussed by the Assembly, and decisions are made during the sessions by majority of cast votes, unless otherwise provided by the Convention.

**2.        Relevant information regarding the Assembly**

2.1        The 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the ICAO Assembly will be held in Montreal, Canada, from 24 September to 4 October of this year. To this end, the Secretary General, through letter No. SA 40/1-18/113, dated 28 December 2018, sent the corresponding invitation to ICAO member States.

2.2        All the information regarding the Assembly is available in the webpage: https://www.icao.int/Meetings/A40/Pages/ES/default.aspx. In this webpage participants can register and submit their photograph for the identification. An original credential is required, to be submitted by 31 August 2019. All the documentation will be updated in the corresponding website.

2.3        Guidelines for the preparation of working papers and submission deadlines

2.3.1        To ensure the quality and consistency of submissions, guidelines have been prepared to assist States/Organizations in the preparation of working papers to be submitted to the Assembly. Working papers must be received by the ICAO Secretariat by the deadline of 2 August 2019 to guarantee translation into all ICAO official languages. Working papers that do not propose any substantive action will be reclassified as information papers and the Member State concerned will be informed accordingly. Working papers should indicate only one Assembly agenda item, this being the agenda item most relevant to the subject of the paper. The ICAO Secretariat reserves the right to re-allocate the working paper to another agenda item where it is deemed more appropriate.

2.3.2        Information papers must be received by the ICAO Secretariat by the deadline of 10 September 2019. ICAO does not provide translation for information papers, which are posted in the language(s) of submission. These papers are NOT intended to be considered by the Assembly. Statements by Delegations are translated if they are submitted by the prescribed deadline, i.e. 2 August 2019.

**3.        Work programme of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the ICAO Assembly**

3.1        The work programme of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the ICAO Assembly consists of plenary sessions and sessions of the Executive Committee, and of the Technical, Economic, Legal and Administrative Commissions.

3.2        Both the plenary sessions and the sessions of the Executive Committee and the other commissions will review a total of 52 items. Item 28 will address the Aviation Safety and Air Navigation Policy.

**4.        Preparatory steps of States for the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the ICAO Assembly**

4.1        The following States and International Organizations have showed interest regarding Assembly topics as follows:

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| • Matching between National Air Navigation plan, maintenance management and safety management system. | Colombia |

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| • ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP)<br>• Future development of a Global Aviation Safety Oversight System (GASOS)<br>• Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP)<br>• Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) and Remote Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS)<br>• Cybernetic resilience<br>• Promote aerodrome safety<br><br>• Availability of accurate continuous airworthiness information<br>• Pilot training improvements to address the automation dependency<br>• Preparation for the implementation of the Surveillance Team Mandate<br>• United States Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS- B) OUT | United States |
| • State Safety Programme in Nicaragua considering Limited Resources<br>• Regional Aviation Accident Investigation Group (GRIAA)<br>• *Agencia Nicaragüense de Investigación de Accidentes* (ANIA)<br>• Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS- B) OUT Implementation in the Central American Flight Information Region (FIR)<br>• COCESNA progress in the implementation of their Air Navigation Services (ANS) Contingency Plan<br>• Project of Centralized Processing of Flight Plans<br>• GASOS benefits for Central America<br>• Progress of the Central American Safety Events Analysis Program (PASOC)<br>• Regional acceptance of the COCESNA SMS<br>• Management Model of Aeronautical Training in Central America | Nicaragua and COCESNA member States |
| • RPAS regulation | Peru |
| • Operational requirements application for unmanned aircraft in the States of the region | Venezuela |

4.        **Suggested action**

4.1            The Meeting is invited to take note of the information contained in this paper.


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