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Agenda Item 3:   **Organizational and Administrative Activities of the GREPECAS**
              3.3   GREPECAS – RASG-PA coordination

COORDINATION OF THE RASG-PA AND GREPECAS WORK PROGRAMMES
(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This Working Paper presents a proposal for the formalization of an annual Coordination Meeting between the RASG-PA and GREPECAS work teams

Action:	Described in Section 3
Strategic Objectives:	• Safety
References:	• Generic Terms of Reference of the Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) and the Regional Planning and Execution Groups (PIRGs) • RASG-PA Procedural Handbook • GREPECAS Procedural Handbook

1.   Introduction

1 1   The Terms of Reference of the Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) approved by the ICAO Council, establish that "the RASG shall coordinate matters related to safety with the corresponding PIRG".

1.2   For its part, the RASG-PA Procedural Handbook, in the Section corresponding to "RASG-PA Coordination and Communication", establishes that "With regard to coordination, the RASG-PA will coordinate safety issues with the GREPECAS".

1.3   For its part, the GREPECAS Procedural Handbook, within the Section corresponding to its terms of reference, establishes that "In order to comply with the Terms of Reference, the Group must coordinate with the Regional Aviation Safety Group - Pan American (RASG-PA) to avoid duplication of efforts and work, as well as to develop joint activities if necessary", and also includes a specific section called "Coordination with the RASG-PA", which is attached to this Working Paper in **Appendix**.

1.4   Within the RASG-PA structure, there are currently two work teams:

a)   The Pan America Regional Aviation Safety Team (PA-RAST), whose work focuses on the analysis of safety data and the development of safety improvement initiatives/detailed implementation plans (SEI/DIP) designed to reduce the risk of fatalities in the region; and

b)   The Safety Monitoring and Report Team (SMRT), whose job is to periodically compile the status of the RASG-PA Safety Performance Indicators (SPI), to produce and keep updated the RASGPA SPI Dashboard, and the preparation of periodic reports with key regional safety information, to assist members in decision-making.

1.5   Similarly, in GREPECAS, two Working Groups are also contemplated:

a)   The Scrutiny Working Group (GTE), whose purpose is to review the problems that affect the Tolerable Level of Safety (TLS) based on the information on Large Altitude Deviations (LHD) provided by States and Organizations International; and

b)   The Data Analysis Working Group (DAWG), whose terms of reference are still under development?

2.   Development

2.1   Currently, PA-RAST and GTE collaborate with each other and coordinate certain activities related to the monitoring and reporting of TLS and LHDs. The SMRT and DAWG could also benefit from these coordination activities. The formalization of coordination and communication between the teams/work groups of RASG-PA and GREPECAS would benefit both groups, by identifying opportunities for joint work, exchanging certain data and eliminating duplication of efforts in certain activities with cross-cutting elements to both.

2.2   For the purpose described in the previous paragraph, it is proposed to formalize an annual coordination meeting between the RASG-PA and GREPECAS work teams, at the beginning of each calendar year, where a joint work programme is agreed upon for those activities or projects, in which both groups have a stake, based on their respective terms of reference and specific objectives. This meeting should be considered as part of the work programme of each of the teams/work groups of both groups. The results of this annual meeting will be submitted to the RASG-PA Executive Steering Committee (ESC) and to the GREPECAS Programme and Project Review Committee (PPRC) for their approval.

3.   Suggested action

3.1   The Meeting is invited to:

a)   Take note of the contents of this working paper; and

b)   Comment on the proposal for the "Annual coordination meeting between the RASG-PA and GREPECAS work teams".

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APPENDIX

Excerpt from the GREPECAS Procedures Handbook

15.   Coordination with RASG-PA

15.1   In the special case of GREPECAS' coordination with the Regional Aviation Safety Group - Pan-American (RASG-PA), GREPECAS will contribute to the RASG-PA mechanism by submitting a working paper containing statistical information on the processes and/or projects that generate valuable information on air navigation systems safety, taking into consideration the following aspects:

a) GREPECAS and RASG-PA shall coordinate and provide mutual support with respect to the fulfilment of the objectives related to the regional priorities and the implementation plans supported by each group;

b) the coordination activities of GREPECAS and RASG-PA will be reported both to the respective plenary meetings and to the key contributory bodies of the groups, as necessary;

c) the work programmes of GREPECAS and RASG-PA will be specifically coordinated to avoid duplication of efforts and gap presence, as well as to ensure alignment and harmonization of the priorities, plans and activities of both groups. As a rule, and when required, the fast-track approval procedure will be used;

d) special coordination meetings between GREPECAS and RASG-PA should be held annually by both Chairs with complementary teleconference meetings if necessary. The coordinated working activities shall be reviewed and recorded at the special GREPECAS and RASG-PA coordination meetings and reported to the respective plenary meetings of each group;

e) it will be possible to designate a GREPECAS focal point to participate in RASG-PA meetings, in order to provide an adequate link or interface that is required to address the efficient follow-up of matters, as well as the harmonization of projects where there is mutual participation etc.

f) GREPECAS and RASG-PA will be mutually responsible for allocating work in each of the coordinated activities of the groups and for ensuring that it is effectively coordinated, share information and cross-reports with the other group, taking special care to identify and highlight any implications of the work on the other group activities; and

g) in order to protect shared information, both GREPECAS and RASG-PA must collaborate by observing data confidentiality agreements at all times, taking into account an effective process to share and protect sensitive data.

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