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Agenda Item 4: **Relevant Safety, Security and Air Navigation Implementation Matters**

RELEVANT SAFETY MATTERS, INCLUDING REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY PLAN (RASP) ACCEPTANCE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This working paper presents a brief overview of the projects and technical support activities related to safety issues developed by the Regional Office, as well as the launch of the Regional Aviation Safety Plan (RASP).	
Actions:	Described in Section 3.
Strategic Objectives:	• Safety
References:	• Doc 10004 – *Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP)* • NACC Regional Aviation Safety Plan (RASP) • NACC-Systemic Assistance Programme (SAP)

1.   Introduction

1.1   The ICAO NACC Regional Office has been implementing a series of initiatives in order to improve safety within the NAM/CAR Regions, also has established means of technical support to assist States in the controlled implementation of alleviations/differences to facilitate safe aeronautical operations in times of COVID-19 and return to regular safe operation through safety measures.

1.2   Additionally, the NACC Regional Office launched the Regional Aviation Safety Plan (RASP) on 1 March 2021, in compliance with the provisions of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), which is a strategic document and guides the safety processes for the current triennium 2020. -2021

2   **Discussion**

2.1   The NACC Regional Office is implementing the following initiatives:

- Improvement of the Safety Oversight System (SOS) Project, with the aim of increasing the level of safety oversight inspectorate qualifications and compliance within the States and establishment of a solid and permanent monitoring system as part of the Systemic Assistance Programme (SAP).
- The State Safety Programme (SSP) implementation through the NACC SSP Regional implementation Strategy, fostering cooperation between States and channelling technical support for the development of the SSP in these regions (https://authoring2013.icao.int/NACC/Pages/nacc-regionalgroups-ssp.aspx)
- Regional Harmonization of Regulatory Framework Project, outlining a sustainable method and a set of actions to support NACC States in harmonizing the timely update of regulations and promoting the establishment of a system to facilitate the recognition and exchange of inspectors, thus providing mutual assistance to build their own State Safety oversight system.
- Enhance safety data analysis and resolution of safety concerns of States and the industry, to timely and effectively support Regional Aviation Safety Group- Pan America (RASG-PA) Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) and work on hot-spots and other operational safety issues that must be promptly addressed in order to eliminate and/or mitigate the detected risks.

2.2   Since 2020 and ongoing for 2021, virtual State assistance and support on current issues have been part of the NACC Regional Office Work Programme:

- Evaluation of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for all NACC States in preparation for the activities of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) and the continuous improvement of its procedures.
- Keep States updated with the safety measures in the return to normal operations.
- Provide advice to the States to comply with the recommendations of the Council Aviation Recovery Taskforce (CART).

2.3   The Regional Aviation Safety Plan (RASP)

a)   The NACC-RASP is a strategic document, intended to provide a path for the NACC States, aligned with the GASP and developed based on the required content, but also taking into account the challenges within our regions. The RASP is a living document and should be seen as the cornerstone for the development of strong and sustainable aviation safety for NACC States.

b)   The initial NACC RASP was discussed with the States during the Regional Aviation Safety Plan (RASP) on line Meeting on 1 March 2021, attended by participants from 19 States, international organizations, and industry.

c)   Cuba, United Kingdom, United States and other States provided comments and approval to the initial version of the RASP. All the recommendations have been taken into consideration for the delivery of the final version, and a final revised RASP was shared with the State technical participants. Having the technical review completed, the final RASP version is available at: https://www.icao.int/NACC/Documents/Meetings/2021/RASP/210222-NACCRSPrevDRDv1.pdf for approval by the meeting.

d)   The NACC RASP contains:
- the strategic approach of the NACC Regional Office to address the safety risks identified in the NACC States.
- the objectives and targets for the three-year period, aligned with the GASP and in coordination with the RAGS-PA, and
- the safety improvement initiatives that the NACC Regional Office jointly with the States, Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOO) and the industry should follow to improve safety in the NAM/CAR Regions.

3   Suggested Actions:

3.1   The Meeting is invited to:

a)   take note and support the initiatives carried out by the ICAO NACC Regional Office;

b)   continue to comply with the provisions of the CART; and

c)   accept Regional Aviation Safety Plan (RASP) and support its implementation as proposed under paragraph 2.3.

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