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UPDATE ON THE SITUATION IN HAITI

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Following the devastating earthquake that occurred in Haiti on 12 January 2010, a decision was taken by the ICAO Council to develop a technical cooperation project for the reconstruction of the civil aviation sector in Haiti and encourage voluntary contributions from Member States, financial institutions and the aviation industry. In this regard, the Secretary General designated the ICAO North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office as the focal point for all ICAO assistance and support activities in Haiti.

This briefing provides an update on the situation in Haiti since the last report posted on the ICAO Council website in March 2011 and provides developments and next steps as a result of the recent mission conducted by the ICAO North American, Central American and Caribbean Regional Office from 27 to 28 September 2011.

Developments since 1 March 2011:

- The 1st Meeting of the Haiti Civil Aviation Steering Committee (CASC) was held at the Office National de l'Aviation Civile (OFNAC) office in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 10 March 2011. The meeting was attended by representatives of Haiti (Ministère des Travaux Publics, Transports & Communications [MTPTC], Office National de L'Aviation Civile [OFNAC], Autorité Aéroportuaire Nationale [AAN]), Jamaica, Spain, United States, International Air Transport Association (IATA), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS), United Nations (UN), World Bank (WB) and ICAO.
- The Haiti Presidential second round run-off election was held on 20 March 2011. Official results were announced on 21 April 2011, and Mr. Michel Martelly was elected as the new President.
- The new Prime Minister, appointed by the President and ratified by the National Assembly, Mr. Garry Conille, took office on 18 October 2011. He will appoint the Ministers and Secretaries of State including the Minister of Public Works, Transport and Communications.
- New Directors General have been appointed for both the civil aviation authority - OFNAC and airport authority - AAN.
- The ICAO NACC Regional Director and Deputy visited Haiti on 27 and 28 September 2011, and met with H.E. Michel Martelly, President; the President's Advisors; representatives of the MTPTC; Ministry of Tourism; OFNAC; AAN; WB; United Nations Resident Coordinator's (UNRC) office; World Food Programme (WFP)/Logistics Cluster; and United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).
- On 5 October, the contract between the MTPTC and ICAO for the World Bank "Haiti Civil Aviation Sector Infrastructure and Institution Emergency Recovery Grant" project was signed.
- Civil aviation assistance projects are also being implemented by the following States/organizations: United States (Federal Aviation Administration [FAA], Transportation Security Administration [TSA]), the United States Trade and Development Agency [USTDA], CASSOS, IATA, IDB, MINUSTAH, and the Organization of American States (OAS).
- The ICAO NACC Regional Officer Flight Safety conducted a technical evaluation and assistance mission in June 2011.

- The ICAO NACC Regional Office has created a website for the Haiti CASC: (<http://www.mexico.icao.int/RegionalGroups/HaitiCASC.html>) - confidential documents access - username: haiticasc; password: caschaiti01.

Next Steps:

- The ICAO NACC Regional Office will undertake a follow-up multi-disciplinary technical mission from 24 to 28 October 2011. The objectives of the mission are to update the assessment of conditions, recommended action plan, and project documents and prepare for briefing the WB project consultants.
- Initiate the WB Project in the short term.
- Revise the ICAO TC Project Documents for signature by Haiti.
- The next CASC meeting is scheduled for 1 December 2011, in Port-au-Prince.
