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## Sixth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/6)

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**Agenda Item 3.2: Update on the safety initiatives by States, Regional Organizations, Industry and Partners**
**FAA Aerodrome Inspection Practices due to COVID-19**

(Presented by the United States of America)

<b>SUMMARY</b>
This paper presents an overview of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Inspection practices to mitigate current health risks at airports in the United States.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The FAA Office of Airports, Office of Safety and Standards has a long-standing relationship with airport operators nationwide and provides operational safety guidelines to aviation organizations across the country. Due to COVID-19, the Office of Safety & Standards, Office of Operational Safety, has stepped up its safety guidelines to counter the impact of the ongoing global health emergency.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The FAA continues to provide webinars on operational safety practices in fiscal year (FY) 2020. Since March, all interactions on technical and operational safety practices for aerodromes have taken place virtually. The support the FAA received from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) continues to be valuable, enabling the FAA to share its experiences and lessons learned while helping to improve aerodrome certification and inspection practices worldwide.

2.2 An upcoming FAA-ICAO webinar aims to inform inspectors and aerodrome operators of how FAA is reducing exposure to COVID-19 and conducting remote inspection oversight to ensure safety at certificated airports as a basis for best practices discussion during the webinar. Aerodrome operators will learn about necessary protocols to adhere to both prior to and during an aerodrome inspection process.

2.3 During the webinar, the FAA will give a presentation on *Inspecting Aerodromes during COVID-19*. In addition, two representative States from the AFI region will each provide their lessons learned on aerodrome inspection during COVID-19.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Encourage State Inspectors and Aerodrome Operators to attend to the Webinar
- b) Note that the webinar will be conducted on December 10, 2020.

c) Note that invitations are forthcoming from ICAO