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Agenda Item 2: Global and Regional Developments

FAA'S MODEL CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS VERSION 2.10

(Presented by the United States of America)

SUMMARY

This information paper provides an update that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has published a new version of the Model Civil Aviation Regulations (MCARs); Version 2.10 (V2.10) in November 2020. The MCAR V2.10 addresses each numbered Standard and Recommended Practice (SARP) in the following ICAO Annexes typically used by Flight Standards Civil Aviation Authority personnel:

- Annex 1 – Personnel Licensing, Amendment 176;
- Annex 2 – Rules of the Air, Amendment 45;
- Annex 6, Part 1 – International Commercial Air Transport – Aeroplanes, Amendment 45;
- Annex 6, Part 2 – International General Aviation–Aeroplanes, Amendment 38;
- Annex 6, Part 3 – International Operations–Helicopters, Amendment 23;
- Annex 7 – Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marks, Amendment 6;
- Annex 8 – Airworthiness, Amendment 107 (continuing airworthiness SARPs) and ICAO Doc 9760, Airworthiness Manual, Third Edition (2014);
- Annex 18 – The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air, Amendment 12;
- Annex 19 – Safety Management, Amendment 1.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Model Civil Aviation Safety Act (Act) and the Model Civil Aviation Regulations (MCARs) are published to assist States in carrying out their aviation safety oversight responsibilities. The Act and the MCARs provide primary information sufficient to allow a State to meet its overall safety oversight responsibilities and to emphasize State's commitment to aviation safety. Under Articles 37 and 38 of the Chicago Convention, a State has agreed to conform to the Standards and Recommended Practices presented by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in a series of Annexes to the Chicago Convention addressing subjects ranging from the licensing of airmen to the transport of dangerous goods by air. Each ICAO Annex sets forth Standards, which are the minimum standards required for operation in international aviation by aircraft registered in a Contracting State. The Recommended Practices set forth in each ICAO Annex, while not mandatory, provide information about what standards should be adhered to in order to ensure aviation safety.

1.2 The MCARs are currently used by over 80 ICAO Contracting States that have adopted previous versions as the basis for their civil aviation law and civil aviation regulations. In addition, the MCARs support the ICAO Endorsed Government Safety Inspector training courses.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Model Civil Aviation Safety Act and the MCARs assist any State in carrying out its aviation safety oversight responsibilities. The Model Civil Aviation Safety Act and the MCARs provide primary information to allow any Civil Aviation Authority to meet its overall safety oversight responsibilities and to emphasize a State's commitment to aviation safety as required by ICAO Safety Oversight Critical Elements 1 – Primary Aviation Legislation and 2 – Specific Operating Regulations.

2.2 In 2019, the FAA completed a major update of the MCARs, issuing a new version 2.9 to incorporate ICAO Amendment changes to some of the Annexes used in the MCARs, which were to be effective in November 2020. In 2020, ICAO issued additional amendments to ICAO Annexes 1, 6, Parts 1 and 2, and 8 to be effective November 5, 2020. These amendments have been incorporated into V2.10.

2.3 The FAA is currently having the U.S. Department of State translate the new versions into French and Spanish and the translations will be available in 2021. The V2.9 translations are completed and online. The V2.10 translations are expected to be available shortly afterward.

2.4 The MCARs can be found on the FAA web site at:
<https://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/iasa/mcar/>.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Review the information paper and note the updates regarding the MCAR versions 2.9 and 2.10.