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THE FUTURE OF RASG-PA

(Presented by IATA)

SUMMARY

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***Strategic
Objective(s)***

*This working paper is related to Strategic Objective(s)
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1 Introduction

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1.2 IATA believes that RASG-PA has great potential to drive the much needed safety initiatives that could help the region reduce the accident rate and enhance the safety culture in the region. In order to do so, it has to shift gears towards strategic and result driven programs that benefit effective coordination between its members and current RASG-PA projects under development.

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2. Strategic Focus and Resources

2.1 The global aviation industry is going through difficult and challenging economic times and resources have become scarce. Therefore in order to achieve RASG-PA's objectives, the group has to shift to a strategic approach that benefits a goal oriented mentality focusing resolving critical issues impacting safety.

2.2 Furthermore, synergies between working groups like the PA-RAST and the ASTT can be further strengthen. The coordination of objectives and resources between participating organizations can still be developed further in line with our current projects.

3. Relevance to the industry

3.1 During these first years of existence, RASG-PA has struggled to bring states onboard and get airlines to participate actively on initiatives.

3.2 RASG-PA should look deeply into its current process, objectives and communication strategies to ensure that they are relevant and accessible to the rest of the industry and that it proves itself to be in the vanguard of safety enhancement and leadership.

4. Suggested Action

4.1 RASG-PA members are invited to take this working paper into consideration and promote an honest and positive discussion to drive a continuous improvement attitude inside the organization.