



**RASG-PA ESC/18**

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION**  
**REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP – PAN AMERICA**  
**(RASG-PA)**

**EIGHTEENTH RASG-PA EXECUTIVE STEERING**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**(RASG-PA ESC/18)**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

**15 – 16 October 2013**

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## ESC/18 Meeting

### Summary of Discussions

<b>Date</b>	15 – 16 October 2013
<b>Location</b>	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
<b>Objective</b>	RASG-PA ESC/18 Meeting
<b>Meeting Opening</b>	<p>The Meeting was attended by 22 participants from Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Airbus, ALTA, Boeing, Embraer, IATA, IFALPA and ICAO; see <b>Appendix A</b>. The United States, ACI-LAC, CASSOS, and IFATCA sent their apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Mrs. Loretta Martin, Regional Director of the ICAO North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office and RASG-PA Secretary, welcomed participants, and recognized and thanked Brazil for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Carlos Pellegrino, first RASG-PA/ESC Vice-Chairperson and Director of ANAC, Brazil, provided opening remarks and opened the meeting.</p> <p>Messrs. Oscar Derby, Curaçao, and Gerardo Hueto, Boeing, as RASG-PA/ESC Co-Chairpersons representing States/Territories and International Organizations/Industry, respectively, chaired the meeting.</p> <p>Mrs. Loretta Martin served as Secretary of the meeting and was assisted by Messrs. Oscar Quesada, Deputy Regional Director, ICAO SAM Regional Office, and Eduardo Chacin, Regional Officer, Flight Safety, ICAO NACC Regional Office.</p>
<b>Discussion Items</b>	<p><b>Agenda Item 1:           Review and Approval of the RASG-PA ESC/18 Meeting Provisional Agenda</b></p> <p>1.1       The Co-Chairman States/Territories presented WP/01 and invited the Meeting to approve the provisional agenda and schedule. The Meeting approved the agenda and the schedule as presented with additional items included under Other Business, which are included in this Summary of Discussions.</p> <p><b>Agenda Item 2:           Review of Conclusions and Decisions from Previous RASGA-PA and ESC Meetings</b></p> <p>2.1       The Meeting was briefed by the Secretariat on the status of valid RASG-PA and RASG-PA/ESC Conclusions and Decisions.</p> <p>2.2       In regard to RASG-PA/ESC/14/D/1, which stated that: <i>A RASG-PA Safety Advisory (RSA) will be provided to States upon completion of RASG-PA Safety Enhancement Initiatives</i>, this decision has been completed; the Secretariat presented WP/06 with the draft RSA-002, which was reviewed and approved by the Meeting. Therefore, the status of the RASG-PA/ESC/14/D/1 was changed to completed.</p>

2.3 In regard to RASG-PA/ESC/16/D/3: *RASG-PA Strategic Plan for Communication*, Brazil, as responsible for the development of the plan, requested a modification of this decision into two separate actions. One action would be development of a RASG-PA Strategic Communications Plan and the second action would be the development of a RASG-PA Strategic Plan. The Meeting agreed to supersede the previous decision and approved the following:

**DECISION**

**RASG-PA/ESC/18/1**

**RASG-PA**

**STRATEGIC**

**COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

That RASG-PA develop a plan for disseminating information to States to ensure consistent and direct communications with the objective of enhancing communication regarding RASG-PA outputs or requests to States and industry and provide an avenue to receive feedback from States and industry on the level of safety enhancement implementation, including information on any aviation safety challenges being confronted.

**DECISION**

**RASG-PA/ESC/18/2**

**RASG-PA STRATEGIC PLAN**

That RASG-PA develop a strategic plan for establishing goals, metrics, and targets to be achieved by States and industry in alignment with the new ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP).

2.4 Brazil confirmed that it will continue to lead both activities. Flight Safety Foundation volunteered to support the Strategic Communications Plan.

2.5 In regard to RASG-PA/ESC/16/D/2: *ESC Working Papers (RASG-PA working papers not submitted by the established deadlines for translation will be translated based on Secretariat workload)* the Secretariat requested the members and participants to adhere to the decision. The Meeting acknowledged the importance of receiving working papers on time as they are a basis for review prior to the meetings and serve as the basis for discussion during the meeting. Therefore, the Meeting agreed that the status of the RASG-PA/ESC/16/D/2 remained “valid.”

**Agenda Item 3: RASG-PA Working Group Reports**

**3.1 Pan America - Regional Aviation Safety Team (PA-RAST)**

3.1.1 The Meeting received an update from the Secretariat on PA-RAST activities that have occurred since the RASG-PA/6 Annual Plenary Meeting held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 27 to 28 June 2013.

3.1.2 The PA-RAST held one meeting after RASG-PA/6. The 4<sup>th</sup> Information Analysis Team (IAT/4) met the day before the PA-RAST/14 Meeting, which was held at the ICAO SAM Regional Office, Lima, Peru, from 25 to 26 September 2013.

3.1.3 The Meeting acknowledged the progress of the remaining Detailed Implementation Plans (DIPs) and their associated outputs.

3.1.4 The Meeting approved the PA-RAST/14 Meeting Summary of Discussions as presented in Working Paper 03.

**DECISION**

**RASG-PA/ESC/18/3**

**PA-RAST/14 MEETING SUMMARY  
OF DISCUSSIONS**

The RASG-PA/ESC/18 Meeting approved the PA-RAST/14 Meeting Summary of Discussions and recommendations as presented to the Meeting.

3.1.5 The Meeting discussed and agreed that it would be difficult to set general safety targets for the Pan American Region, considering that it is not a homogenous region. Therefore, the Meeting agreed to have sub-regional safety targets that would be more representative of the reality of the different States/Territories that are included in the particular sub-region. The ICAO NACC and SAM Regional Offices will work with their respective Member States in order to agree and set these safety targets in line with the ICAO mandate.

3.1.6 The Meeting agreed to formulate the following decision:

**DECISION**

**RASG-PA/ESC/18/4**

**RASG-PA SAFETY TARGETS**

The RASG-PA/ESC/18 Meeting agreed to set and publish sub-regional safety targets in line with the ICAO mandate.

3.1.7 The Meeting adopted a RASG-PA risk reduction goal proposed by the PA-RAST/14 Meeting and established the following decision:

**DECISION**

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**RASG-PA RISK REDUCTION GOAL**

The RASG-PA/ESC/18 Meeting approved the RASG-PA risk reduction goal that consists of using a 2010 baseline to reduce fatality risk of Part 121 or equivalent operations by 50% by the year 2020 in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**3.2 Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT)**

3.2.1 The Meeting was informed that the ASRT met at the ICAO SAM Regional Office from 24 to 25 July 2013, to work on the RASG-PA Annual Safety Report (ASR), 4th Edition, using the high-level principles agreed by the RASG-PA/6 Annual Plenary Meeting.

3.2.2 The Meeting was informed by the Secretariat that the RASG-PA ASR, 4th Edition, was under final review.

3.2.3 The Secretariat recommended the inclusion of global data from the ICAO 2013 Safety Report as a reference. The Meeting agreed with the proposal. Global data will be included in all future ASRs.

3.2.4 The Secretariat committed to release the ASR before the end of 2013.

### **3.3 Aviation Safety Training Team (ASTT)**

3.3.1 The Meeting took note of the training activities of the Aviation Safety Training Team (ASTT) carried out after the RASG-PA/6 Annual Plenary Meeting as presented in WP/04.

3.3.2 After discussion, the Meeting expressed concern about RASG-PA delivering training on other safety issues that are not considered the main risk areas as determined by RASG-PA.

3.3.3 The Secretariat informed that as result of the State Letter requesting interest in hosting or contributing to ASTT activities, only Volaris airlines offered to host an event supported by Mexico.

3.3.4 The Secretariat also informed that in regard to the State Letter requesting States to inform on their available training related to priority aviation safety matters in the region, there were no responses so far.

3.3.5 In order to align the ASTT work programme for 2014, seek available aviation safety training material, and determine future business, the Secretariat encouraged the ESC to designate the appropriate training specialist from their own organizations to participate in the RASG-PA/ASTT/5 meeting that will be held in Miami, United States, from 17 to 18 December 2013, hosted by ALTA.

## **Agenda Item 4: RASG-PA Project Reports**

### **4.1 Flight Operations Quality Assurance (FOQA) Data Sharing (PASO)**

4.1.1 COCESNA/ACSA informed the Meeting about the on-going activities of PASO regarding reduction of safety risks at MROC airport as presented in IP/03 in the following categories: Resolution Advisories (RAs), take-off and landings with excessive tailwind, landing events due to calibration of Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights, and unstabilized approaches.

4.1.2 The Meeting agreed on the success of the programme and to promote this initiative in other locations of the region.

### **4.3 Standardization of Spanish and English ATC Phraseology in accordance with the ICAO PANS-ATM (Doc 4444)**

4.3.1 The Meeting was informed by IATA regarding progress to promote standardized English and Spanish phraseology in accordance with ICAO PANS-ATM (Doc 4444).

4.3.2 IFALPA mentioned that Colegio de Pilotos Aviadores de México (CPAM) was willing to assist in the dissemination of the IATA Toolkit and also to participate in the “Train the Trainer” programme.

#### **4.4 Bird Strike Reduction Programme**

4.4.1 IATA presented WP/07 on the status of the Bird Strike Reduction Project. It described the on-going work in the pilot program established at Panama City Tocumen International Airport (MPTO), Panama, and the José Joaquín de Olmedo International Airport (SEGU) in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

4.4.2 IATA informed that coordination has been established with Brazil and Colombia for continuing the project activities. Costa Rica also expressed interest in participating in the project.

4.4.3 The Meeting was informed that United States, ALTA, and IATA are looking into alternatives for funding this programme.

4.4.4 The Meeting took note of the results of this project, recommended to continue coordination with CARSAMPAF, and supported continuing the project under the RASG-PA umbrella.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Pan American Aviation Safety Summit**

##### **5.1 4th Pan American Aviation Safety Summit 2013**

5.1.1 ALTA presented WP/08 with the results of the 4<sup>th</sup> Pan American Aviation Safety Summit. In general terms, it exceeded their expectations. Results from the Summit’s survey reflected a high level of satisfaction with the outcomes of the event. The Meeting agreed that the objectives of the Summit, RASG-PA Seminar and RASG-PA/6 Annual Plenary Meeting were accomplished. The Meeting acknowledged the contribution of Costa Rica, the good work of ALTA, stakeholders and ICAO for the success of all the safety related activities during that week in San Jose, Costa Rica.

##### **5.2 5th Pan American Aviation Safety Summit 2014**

5.2.2 ALTA informed the Meeting that an agreement had been reached to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> Pan American Aviation Safety Summit in Curaçao from 8 to 12 September 2014.

5.2.3 The Meeting discussed the planned safety activities during the week in Curaçao. The Meeting agreed that the Secretariat would coordinate the work programme and the logistical aspects of the various events that will take place during this week with Curaçao, ALTA and stakeholders in order to make them productive and innovative.

5.2.4 The Meeting made the following Decision:

**DECISION**

**RASG-PA/ESC/18/6**

**5th PAN AMERICAN AVIATION  
SAFETY SUMMIT TO BE HELD  
JOINTLY WITH THE RASG-PA/07  
ANNUAL PLENARY MEETING IN  
CURACAO FROM 8 TO 12  
SEPTEMBER 2014**

RASG-PA and ALTA will co-host the 5<sup>th</sup> Pan American Aviation Safety Summit to be held jointly with the RASG-PA/07 Annual Plenary Meeting in Curaçao from 8 to 12 September 2014.

**Agenda Item 6: RASG-PA Plan of Activities for 2014**

6.1 The Secretariat presented WP/05 regarding the proposed RASG-PA activities for 2014; see **Appendix B**.

**Agenda Item 7: Development of metrics to measure the institutional strengths of Civil Aviation Authorities**

7.1 The Meeting discussed the subject and agreed that it is a relevant issue that should be addressed. The Secretariat reminded the Meeting that Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, and United States committed to work on this initiative by defining its goals and objectives. A draft document will be presented at the ESC/19 Meeting.

**Agenda Item 8: Other Business**

8.1 The Secretariat announced that United States will provide an FAA Air Traffic Controller as ATM/2 Regional Officer at the ICAO NACC Regional Office to work on RASG-PA and ATM activities at the beginning of 2014.

8.2 The Meeting approved and welcomed the addition of Air Safety Support International (ASSI) from the United Kingdom, CANSO and EMBRAER as new members of the ESC.

8.3 ALTA presented the preliminary video they are preparing in association with other RASG-PA stakeholders regarding Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) RE/09 – *Specific Training for Pilots and Air Traffic Controllers to Avoid Unstabilized Approaches*. The Meeting agreed to provide comments on the video to ALTA. The Secretariat considered that once this video is completed it will be part of the suite of aviation safety training material offered by RASG-PA and included in the Seminars/Workshops of the RASG-PA/ASTT for 2014.

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**APPENDIX/APÉNDICE A**  
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## APPENDIX B / APÉNDICE B

### RASG-PA WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014 / PROGRAMA DE TRABAJO DEL RASG-PA PARA EL 2014

Event/Title	Regions	Lang	Start	Finish	Location
Regional Aviation Safety Group - Pan America (RASG-PA) Aviation Safety Seminar	NAM/CAR/SAM	SP	Thu 16-01-14	Fri 17-01-14	ICAO NACC Regional Office
RASG-PA Information Analysis Team (IAT/5) Meeting and Pan America - Regional Aviation Safety Team (PA-RAST/15)	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Wed 22-01-14	Fri 24-01-14	Fort Lauderdale, Florida, United States
Seminar/Workshop on the Development of a Jurisdictional Framework for the Protection of Safety Information Sources of the Regional Aviation Safety Group – Pan America (RASG-PA) – RASG-PA-LEG/2	NAM/CAR/SAM	SP	Mon 03-02-14	Fri 07-02-14	TBD
Regional Aviation Safety Group - Pan America (RASG-PA) Aviation Safety Seminar	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Thu 06-03-14	Fri 07-03-14	TBD
RASG-PA Information Analysis Team (IAT/6) Meeting and Pan America - Regional Aviation Safety Team (PA-RAST/16)	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Wed 26-03-14	Fri 28-03-14	Panama City, Panama
RASG-PA Executive Steering Committee (ESC/19) Meeting	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Tue 08-04-14	Wed 09-04-14	ICAO SAM Regional Office
Regional Aviation Safety Group - Pan America (RASG-PA) Aviation Safety Seminar	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Wed 21-05-14	Thu 22-05-14	Miami, United States
Seminar/Workshop on the Development of a Jurisdictional Framework for the Protection of Safety Information Sources of the Regional Aviation Safety Group – Pan America (RASG-PA) – RASG-PA-LEG/3	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Mon 26-05-14	Fri 30-05-14	TBD
RASG-PA Information Analysis Team (IAT/7) Meeting and Pan America - Regional Aviation Safety Team (PA-RAST/17)	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Tue 10-06-14	Thu 12-06-14	ICAO NACC Regional Office or ICAO SAM Regional Office
Fifth RASG-PA Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT/5) Meeting	NAM/CAR/SAM	SP	Tue 17-06-14	Thu 19-06-14	ICAO SAM Regional Office
RASG-PA Executive Steering Committee (ESC/20) Meeting	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Tue 21-07-14	Wed 22-07-14	TBD
RASG-PA Executive Steering Committee (ESC/21) Meeting	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Mon 08-09-14	Mon 08-09-14	Curaçao
Regional Aviation Safety Group - Pan America (RASG-PA) Aviation Safety Seminar	NAM/CAR/SAM	BIL	Tue 09-09-14	Tue 09-09-14	Curaçao
5th Pan America Aviation Safety Summit	NAM/CAR/SAM	BIL	Tue 09-09-14	Wed 10-09-14	Curaçao
RASG-PA/7 Meeting	NAM/CAR/SAM	BIL	Thu 11-09-14	Fri 12-09-14	Curaçao
Regional Aviation Safety Group - Pan America (RASG-PA) Aviation Safety Seminar	NAM/CAR/SAM	SP	Wed 15-10-14	Thu 16-10-14	ICAO SAM Regional Office
RASG-PA Information Analysis Team (IAT/8) Meeting and Pan America - Regional Aviation Safety Team (PA-RAST/18)	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Mon 10-11-14	Wed 12-11-14	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
RASG-PA Executive Steering Committee (ESC/22) Meeting	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Thu 13-11-14	Fri 14-11-14	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Regional Aviation Safety Group - Pan America (RASG-PA) Aviation Safety Seminar	NAM/CAR/SAM	SP	Fri 14-11-14	Fri 14-11-14	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Sixth RASG-PA Aviation Safety Training Team (ASTT/6) Meeting	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Tue 16-12-14	Wed 17-12-14	Miami, United States
Regional Aviation Safety Group - Pan America (RASG-PA) Aviation Safety Seminar	NAM/CAR/SAM	EN	Thu 18-12-14	Fri 19-12-14	Miami, United States

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