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USOAP Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) Workshop

Overview of the USOAP CMA

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Outline



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Monitoring and Oversight (MO)



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Monitoring & Oversight (MO)



Continuous Monitoring
(Online Framework)



Planning and
Scheduling



On-site Activities



Off-site Activities



Reports, Analyses
and Working Papers



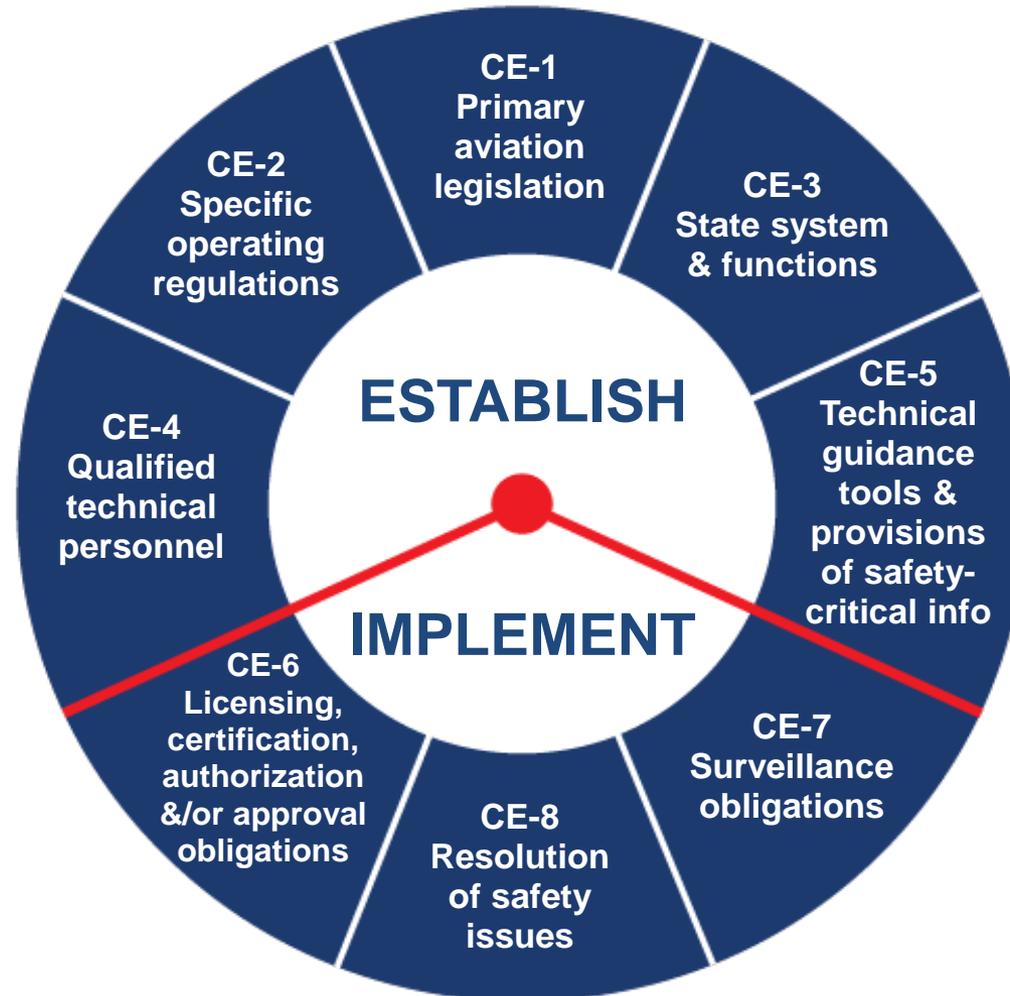
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Critical Elements of a State's Safety Oversight System

ICAO carries out audits and other monitoring activities to determine the safety oversight capabilities of its Member States by:

- Assessing their effective implementation of the 8 CEs in 8 audit areas (i.e. LEG, ORG, PEL, OPS, AIR, AIG, ANS and AGA) through Protocol Questions (PQs); and
- Verifying the status of the Member States' implementation of:
 - Safety-related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs);
 - Associated procedures; and
 - Guidance material.

Critical Elements (CEs)



The definitions of the eight CEs of a State's safety oversight system are found in Annex 19, Appendix 1 (2nd edition, July 2016).

Guidance on the eight CEs is provided in the *Safety Oversight Manual, Part A — The Establishment of a State's Safety Oversight System* (Doc 9734).

Note. — An advance unedited English version of Doc 9734, Part A has been published in October 2017 to reflect Amendment 1 of Annex 19, Appendix 1.

As of January 2013, safety oversight information is available on the [ICAO public website](https://www.icao.int/safety/Pages/USOAP-Results.aspx):

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ICAO / Safety / Safety Audit Results: USOAP interactive viewer

Safety Audit Results: USOAP interactive viewer

Please select a country from the list below the viewer to see its audit 'Effective Implementation' (EI) score presented for the various categories covered under ICAO's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP). Multiple countries may be selected at once to compare their respective performance, and users may also compare a country or countries against the current global average in each category.

Developers may also wish to consider accessing the EI data via the [iSTARS API Data Service](#).

Effective Implementation (%)

| Category | Global average (%) |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Legislation | ~70 |
| Organization | ~68 |
| Licensing | ~72 |
| Operations | ~68 |
| Airworthiness | ~75 |
| Accident Investigation | ~55 |
| Air Navigation Services | ~60 |
| Aerodromes | ~58 |

● Global average

Safety Audit Information
 USOAP Results Report: 2013-2016
 About CMA
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 Other Useful Websites
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 USOAP CMA Online Framework - restricted
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2010 2011 2012 2013+

SSCs published on the USOAP CMA online framework

Proposed layout of the SSCs for the public to receive State feedback

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USOAP with 45% of

2014

Unresolved SSCs to be made available to the public in format and conditions approved by Council



USOAP CMA Audit Areas and Protocol Questions (PQs)

USOAP CMA Audit Areas



Primary aviation legislation and
civil aviation regulations (LEG)

Civil aviation organization
(ORG)

Personnel licensing and
training (PEL)
Annexes 1 and 19

Aircraft operations (OPS)
Annexes 6, 9, 18, 19 and
PANS-OPS

Airworthiness of aircraft
(AIR)
Annexes 6, 7, 8, 16 and 19

Aircraft accident and
incident investigation (AIG)
Annexes 13 and 19

Air navigation services (ANS)
Annexes 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12,
15, 19 and PANS-ATM

Aerodromes and ground
aids (AGA)
Annexes 14 and 19

Protocol Questions (PQs)

- Primary tool used to assess States' safety oversight capabilities, for each CE.
- Enable standardization in the conduct of USOAP CMA activities.
- Percentage of “Satisfactory” PQs is reflected in the EI.
- Evidence-based approach:
 - **Show me.**
 - **Lack of evidence or lack of sufficient evidence = PQ status will or remains N/S.**
- N/S PQ generates a finding and since 2014, each finding is PQ-specific.

PQ — Example



| PQ No. | Protocol Question | Guidance for Review of Evidence | ICAO References | CE |
|--------|---|--|--|------|
| 4.129 | Has the State promulgated regulations for AOC applicants to establish procedures to ensure that the flight manual is updated by implementing changes made mandatory or approved by the State of Registry? | Verify the establishment and implementation of: a) relevant State regulations; b) applicable certification process; and c) operations inspectors' procedures. | STD A6 Part I, 11.1 Part III, Section II, 9.1 GM A6 Part I, Att. E Part III, Att. | CE-2 |
| 4.103 | Is the organization of the applicant clearly defined? a) duties, responsibilities and lines of reporting are clearly delineated and duly documented? b) functional tasks and lines of reporting are clearly delineated and duly documented? | 1) Verify the establishment and implementation of: a) relevant State regulations; b) applicable certification process; and c) operations inspectors' procedures. 2) Review exchange of letters with the applicant. 3) Verify that the safety management, quality assurance management and emergency management systems have been: a) established; b) documented; and c) implemented. | STD A6 GM Doc 8335 Part II, C2 Part III, C5 | CE-6 |

PQ asked by auditor

Examples of evidence to be presented by State

ICAO References

CE number associated with PQ

PQ Amendment



- MO revises and updates PQs on a periodic basis to:
 - a) reflect the latest changes in ICAO provisions; and
 - b) harmonize and improve PQ references and content.
- Revision of PQs incorporates inputs from:
 - a) States;
 - b) ICAO ANB;
 - c) ICAO ROs;
 - d) USOAP mission team members; and
 - e) external stakeholders.

2016 Edition of the PQs



- The 2016 edition of the PQs was posted in November 2016 in the “CMA Library” on the OLF.
(See *EB 2016/70*, 30 November 2016.)
- The Library copy for each audit area includes an Introduction, Guidelines and Summary of Amendments.
- The 2016 edition is applicable for all USOAP CMA activities starting 1 June 2017.

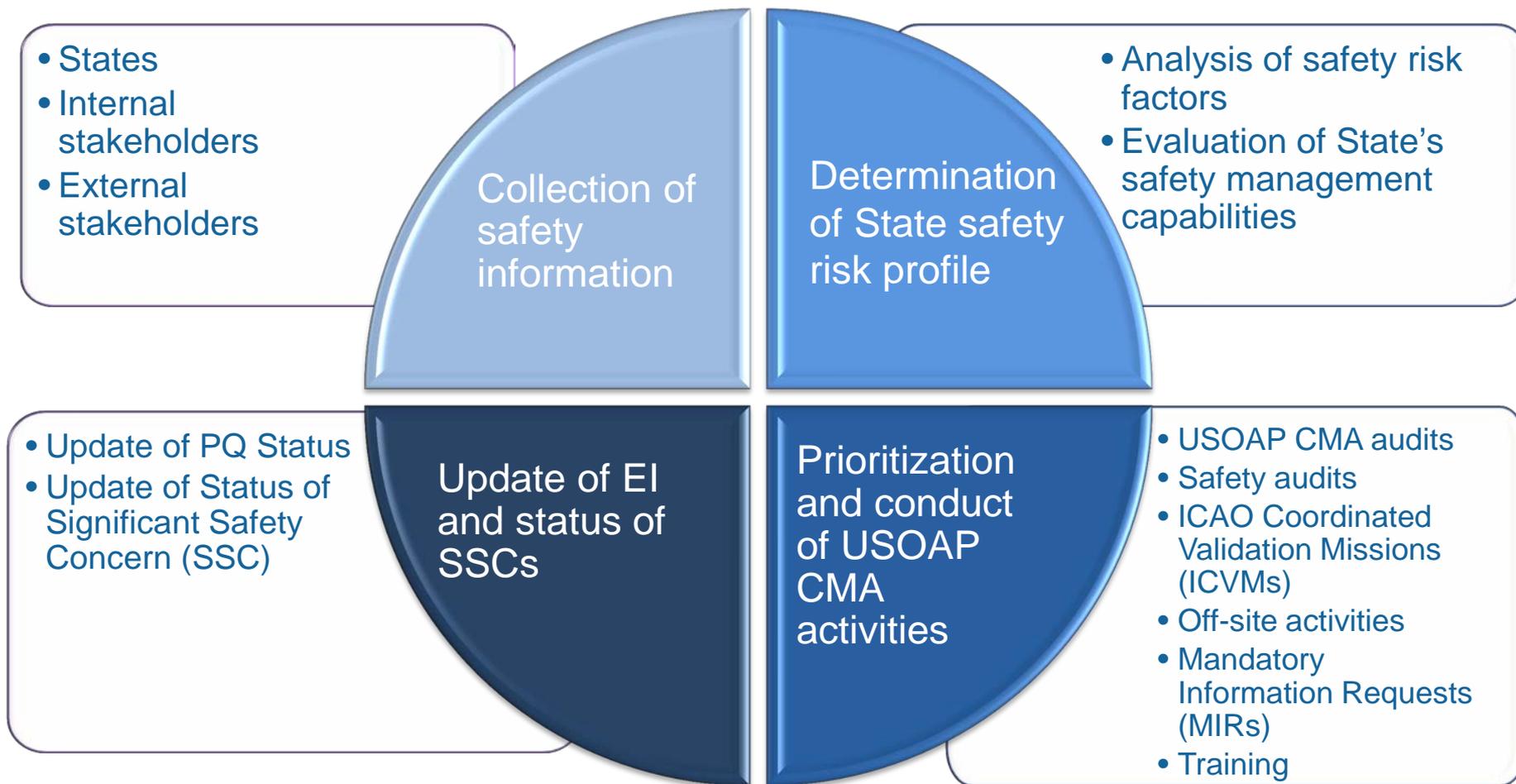
CMA Library





USOAP CMA Components

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Collection of Safety Information



States provide:

- 1) State Aviation Activity Questionnaire (SAAQ);
- 2) Compliance Checklists (CCs) on the Electronic Filing of Differences (EFOD) system;
- 3) Self-assessment; and
- 4) Updated Corrective Action Plans (CAPs).

Collection of Safety Information



Internal stakeholders include:

- 1) ICAO Secretariat Bureaus/Sections; and
- 2) Regional Offices (ROs).

Collection of Safety Information



External stakeholders include:

- 1) State civil aviation authorities (e.g. FAA);
- 2) Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) (e.g. EASA); and
- 3) International organizations (e.g. IATA).

Note.— Some of these organizations conduct audit activities that generate information used as indicators for the USOAP CMA.

USOAP CMA Components



Main Factors for Determining State Safety Risk Profile



- a) EI (determined through previous USOAP CMA activity);
- b) Existence of SSC(s);
- c) Level of aviation activities in the State for each audit area;
- d) Projected growth of air traffic and aviation activities;
- e) State's capability to submit CAPs acceptable to ICAO;
- f) Level of progress made by State in implementing CAPs;
- g) Major changes in organizational structure of State's CAA;
- h) Ongoing or planned assistance projects;
- i) State's progress in achieving GASP objective on safety management;
- j) Air navigation deficiencies; and
- k) Regional Office (RO) mission reports.

First Review: LEI versus Traffic

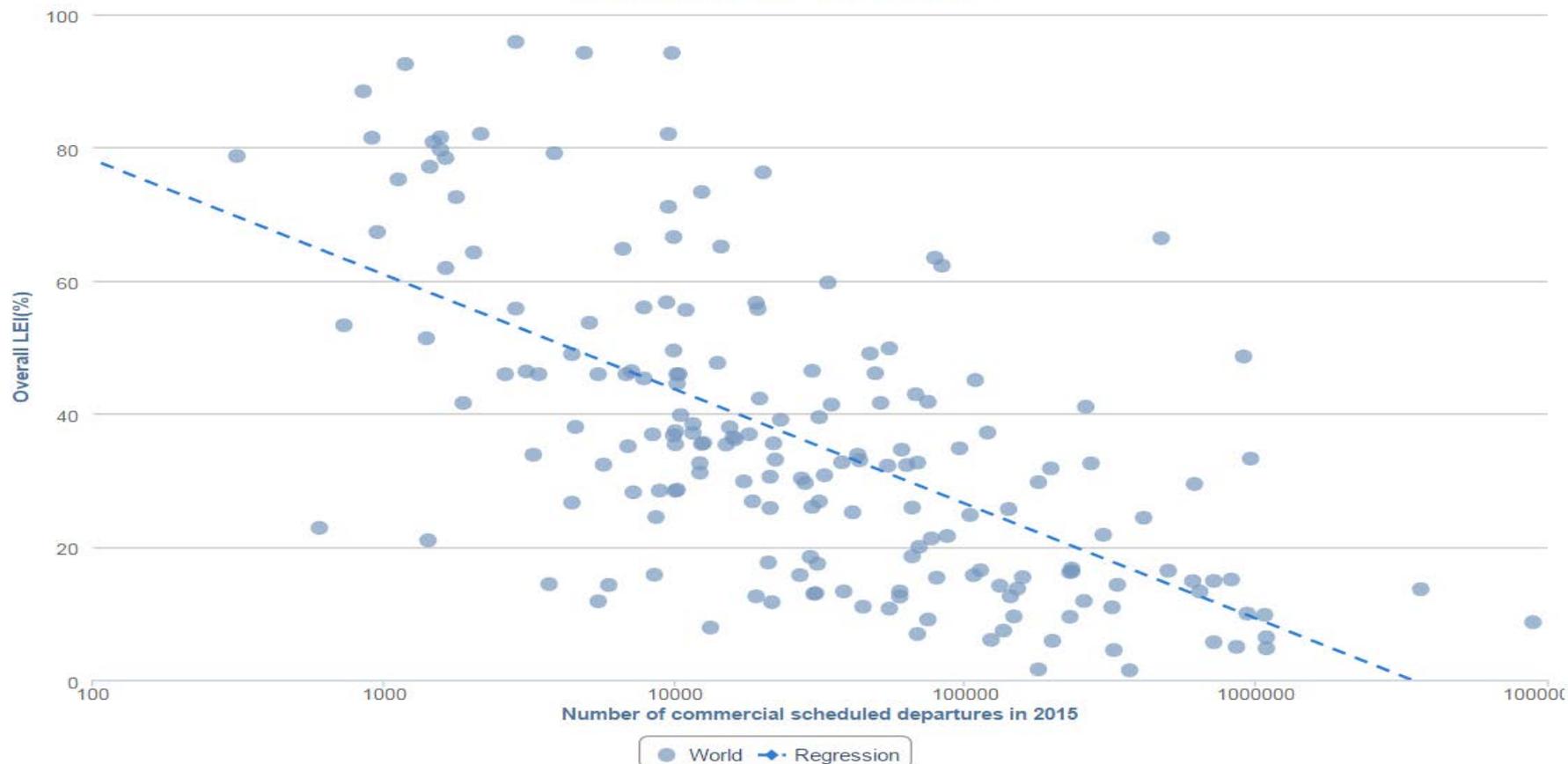


World Show State Names:

[View group composition](#)

Generate graph

Overall LEI versus Traffic by State



Other iSTARs Applications Used



integrated Safety Trend Analysis and Reporting System

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Safety Margins

Risk-based prioritization for operations, air navigation and support functions

The below application allows to perform a risk-based prioritizes of operational, air navigation and support related USOAP areas.

In each of the 3 functional areas, a State is given a target effective implementation score which is calculated based on a global linear regression of traffic versus effective implementation of all ICAO Member States. A State with a positive safety margin would be considered to have sufficient regulatory controls in place to cover its existing traffic volume. A State with a negative safety margin would be considered to have an insufficient oversight system taking into consideration its traffic volume.

The operational safety margins are calculated taking into consideration only flights performed by carriers from the State, whereas the other margins are calculated using all departures from the State.

Safety margins are best used in conjunction with the Solution Center which provides solutions for the various USOAP areas.

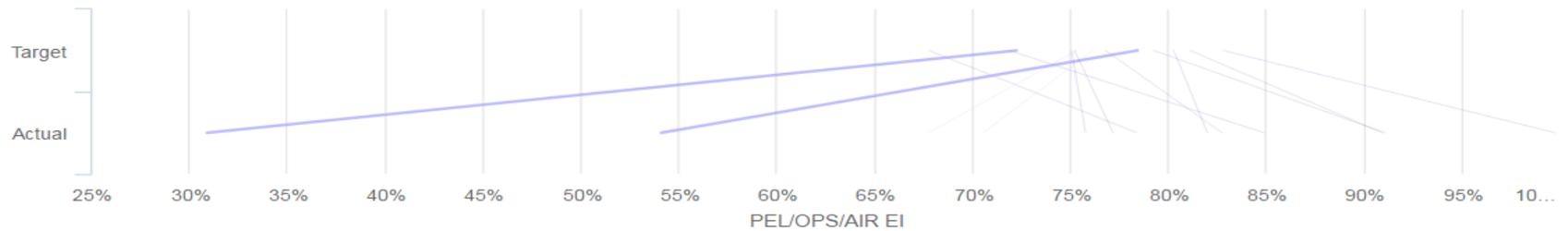
Indicators from "Safety Margins" App



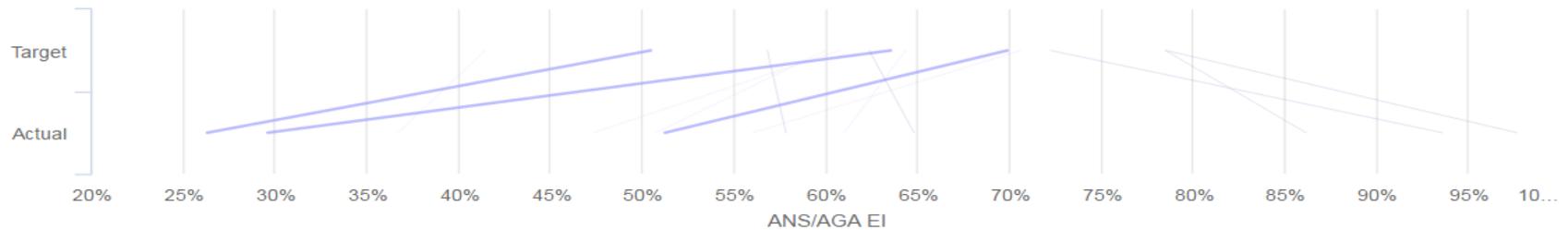
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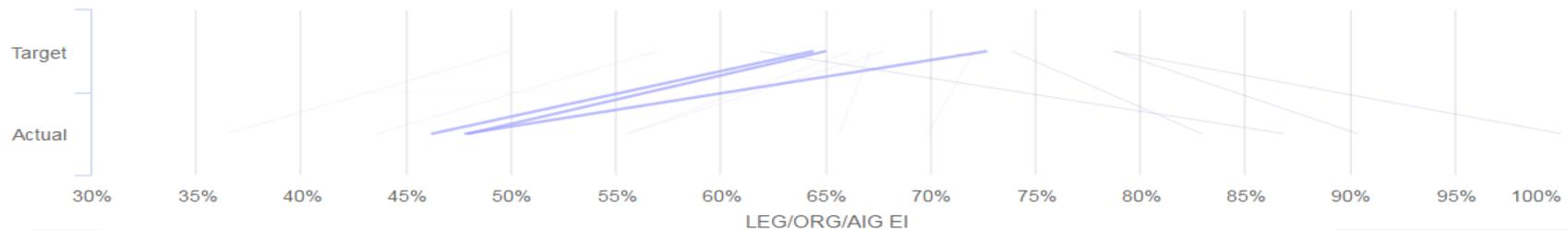
Margins in Operations



Margins in Air Navigation



Margins in Support Functions



Show entries

USOAP CMA Components



Main Activities under USOAP CMA



- **CMA audit:** On-site, to conduct a systematic and objective assessment of a State's safety oversight system. Can be a full scope or limited scope audit.
- **ICVM:** On-site, to collect and assess evidence of a State's effective correction of previously identified findings (**in one or more audit areas**). Collected evidence is reviewed and validated at ICAO HQ.
- **Off-site validation activity:** to assess a State's effective corrective actions addressing previously identified findings related to PQs not requiring an on-site activity.

A More Recent Type of Validation Activity...



- Off-site validation report resulting from on-site reviews.
- A USOAP CMA limited scope on-site activity, integrated within a scheduled mission in a State by ICAO or its safety partners. During an IVA, SMEs sample, collect and assess evidences provided by the State for identified PQs demonstrating effective implementation of corrective actions to address findings previously identified by ICAO. ICAO validates the collected evidences and information.
- Safety partner: Organizations which may provide technical support to USOAP CMA activities on the basis of a formal agreement with ICAO (e.g. EASA).

Prioritization and Conduct of USOAP CMA Activities



MO prioritizes CMA activities in States based on:

- a) State's safety risk profile;
- b) Approved MO budget; and
- c) Available MO resources.

Criteria Used to Select a State for:



| CMA Audit | ICVM |
|--|---|
| State's safety risk profile | |
| Information submitted by State through PQ self-assessment | |
| Recommendations from RO or ANB sections | |
| Information shared by recognized international organizations | |
| Regional balance | |
| Date of last audit | State's readiness (via reported progress in CAP implementation) |
| Significant changes in any audit area within State's civil aviation system | State's progress in resolving identified SSCs |

Criteria Used to Select a State for an *Off-Site Validation Activity*



- 1) State has PQ findings associated with eligible PQs (most of the PQs from CEs 1 to 5);
- 2) Most (about 75%) of the State's corresponding CAPs, for the audit area considered, meet the following three conditions:
 - a) CAPs fully address the corresponding PQ findings;
 - b) CAPs are reported by the State as fully implemented; and
 - c) The State has submitted all relevant evidence for the corresponding PQs through the OLF; and
- 3) Information submitted by State through PQ self-assessment.

Conduct of USOAP CMA Activities — Scope



| Factors determining scope | ICVM | CMA Audit |
|---|------|-----------|
| Level of aviation activity in the State | ✓ | ✓ |
| Any changes to the State's system | | ✓ |
| Acceptability of CAPs | ✓ | |
| Level of progress reported by the State in CAP implementation | ✓ | |
| State's self-assessment, including submitted evidence | ✓ | ✓ |
| Request by State (cost-recovery activity) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Availability of resources | ✓ | ✓ |

Conduct of USOAP CMA Activities — Duration and Team Composition



| Factors determining duration and team composition | ICVM | CMA Audit |
|---|------|-----------|
| Scope | ✓ | ✓ |
| Complexity of the State's system | ✓ | ✓ |
| Number of Not-Satisfactory PQs to be addressed | ✓ | |
| Other factors, such as State's official language | ✓ | ✓ |

Six Criteria for a Good CAP (“RCDSRC”)



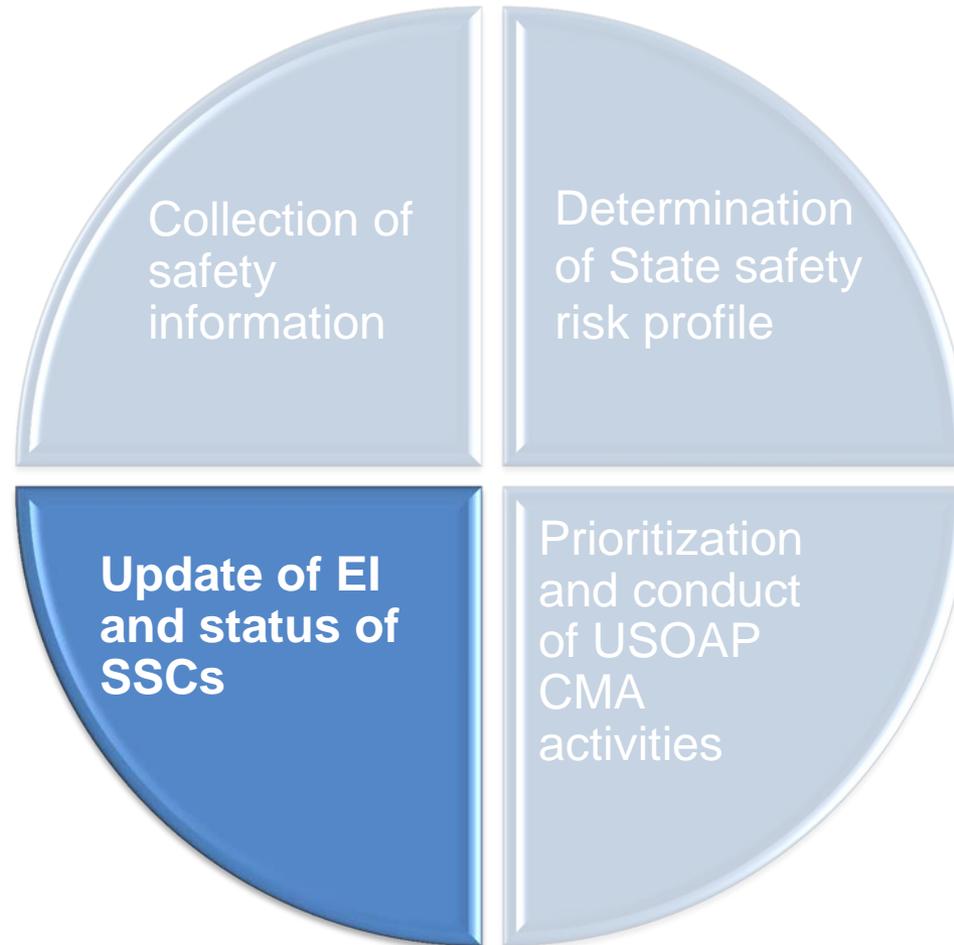
- 1) **Relevant:** CAP addresses the *issues* and *requirements* related to the finding and corresponding PQ and CE.
- 2) **Comprehensive:** CAP is *complete* and includes *all elements or aspects* associated with the finding.
- 3) **Detailed:** CAP outlines implementation process using *step-by-step approach*.
- 4) **Specific:** CAP identifies *who will do what, when* and in coordination with other entities, if applicable.
- 5) **Realistic:** In terms of *contents* and *implementation timelines*.
- 6) **Consistent:** In relation to *other CAPs* and with the *State's self-assessment*.

Off-Site Validation Activity



- CAPs related to the majority of PQ findings associated with CEs 6, 7 and 8 (collectively known as the “implementation” CEs) do not qualify for an off-site validation activity.
- Such CAPs must be assessed and validated through an on-site activity.

USOAP CMA Components



Update of EI



EI calculation:

$$\text{Overall EI (\%)} = \frac{\text{Number of Satisfactory PQs}}{\text{Total Number of Applicable PQs}} \times 100$$

Update of EI



- The validation of collected safety information enables ICAO to continuously update a State's EI.
- State's EI is reported on the Online Framework (OLF) and on iSTARS 3.0, i.e. SPACE.

Mandatory Information Request (MIR)

When can a MIR be issued?



- In most cases, a MIR is issued by MO when concerns are raised by internal/external stakeholders regarding a State's safety oversight capabilities.

When can a MIR be issued (cont.)

A MIR may also be issued in the following cases:

- a) important information is missing in relation to the State's SAAQ, CCs and/or PQ self-assessment;
- b) a State has not provided initial or amended CAPs as needed;
- c) a significant change is observed in the State's organization;
- d) information is needed in addition to an ICAO RO visit; or
- e) information collected during a USOAP CMA activity is incomplete or insufficient.

State's Response to a MIR



- States are *required* to respond to a MIR using the “MIR” module of the OLF.

MIR



PQ Status Change



- Status of PQs may be changed through the validation process conducted by MO based on:
 - CAPs or other information received from States, supported by appropriate evidence; and
 - Information received from ICAO ROs, recognized organizations and other stakeholders.
- Status of PQs may also change based on information received from States in response to MIRs.

Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs)



Definition of an SSC

“An SSC occurs when the audited State allows the holder of an authorization or approval to exercise the privileges attached to it, although the minimum requirements established by the State and by the Standards set forth in the Annexes to the Chicago Convention are not met, resulting in an immediate safety risk to international civil aviation.”

Reference: *EB 2010/7* dated 19 February 2010

Status of SSCs



of unresolved SSCs (5 States)

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of SSCs resolved through corrective actions taken by the States **after being posted** on ICAO website

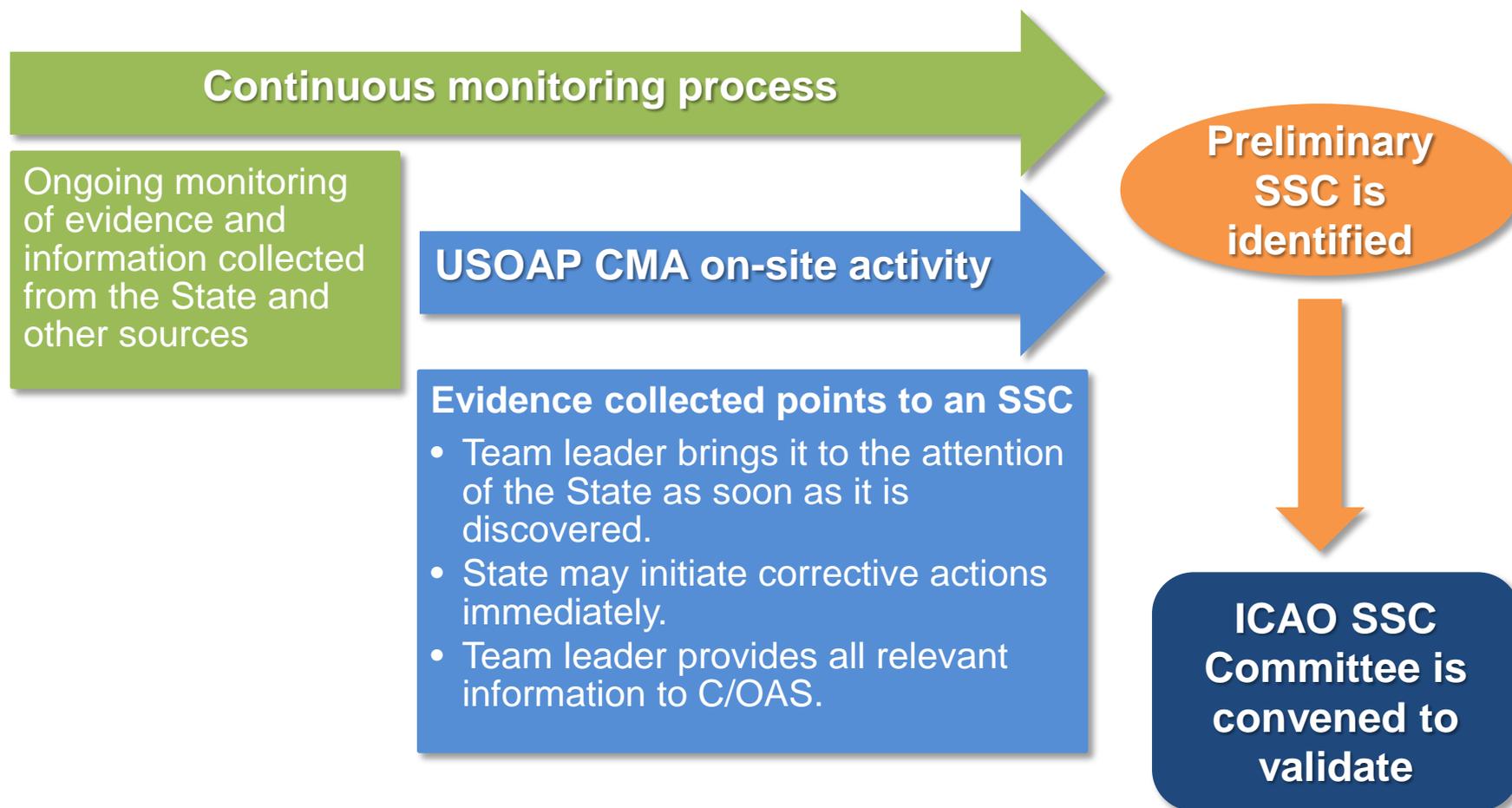
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of SSCs resolved through immediate actions taken by the States **prior to being posted** on the ICAO website

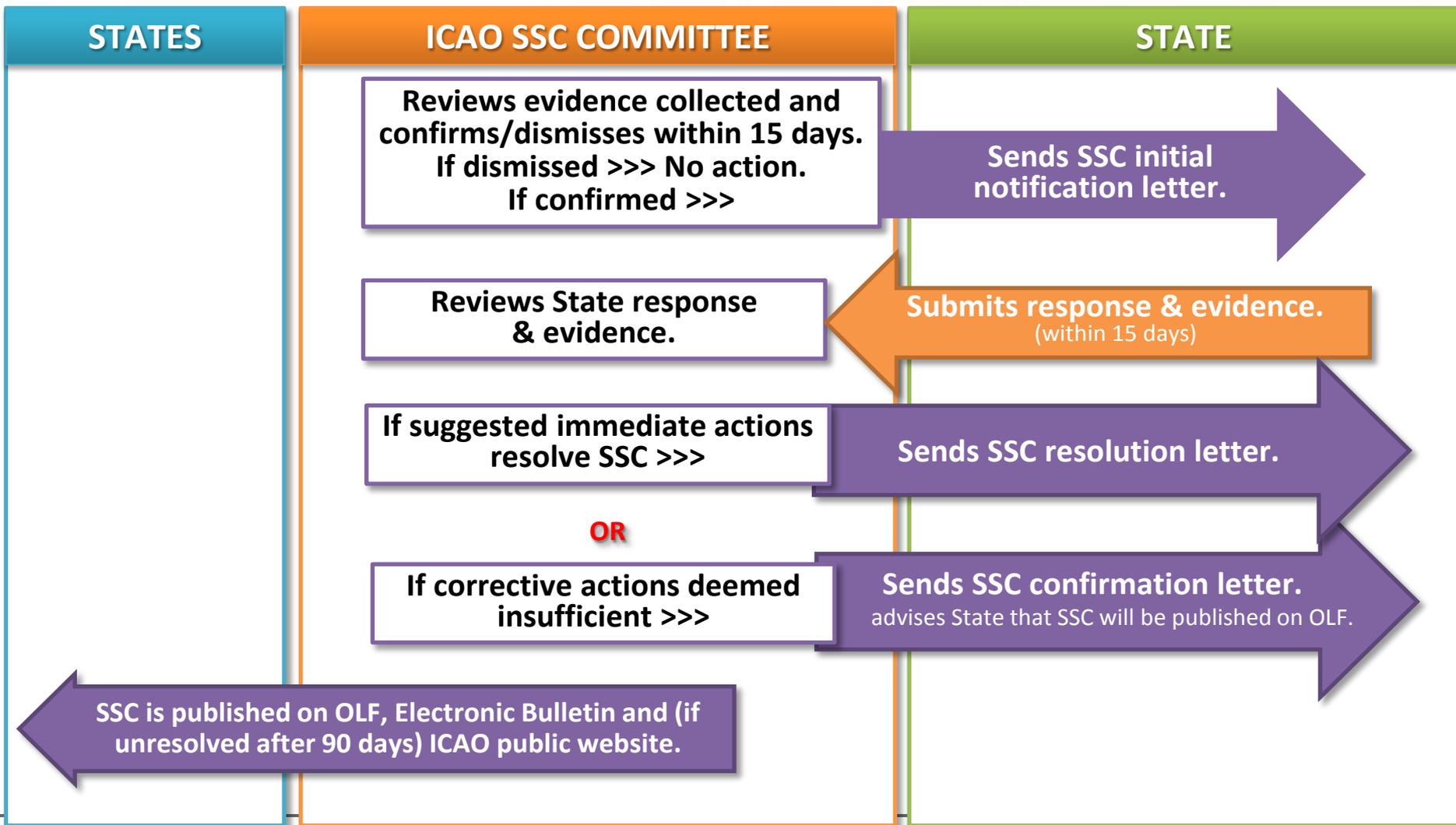
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Note.— Numbers were last modified on 12 October 2017.

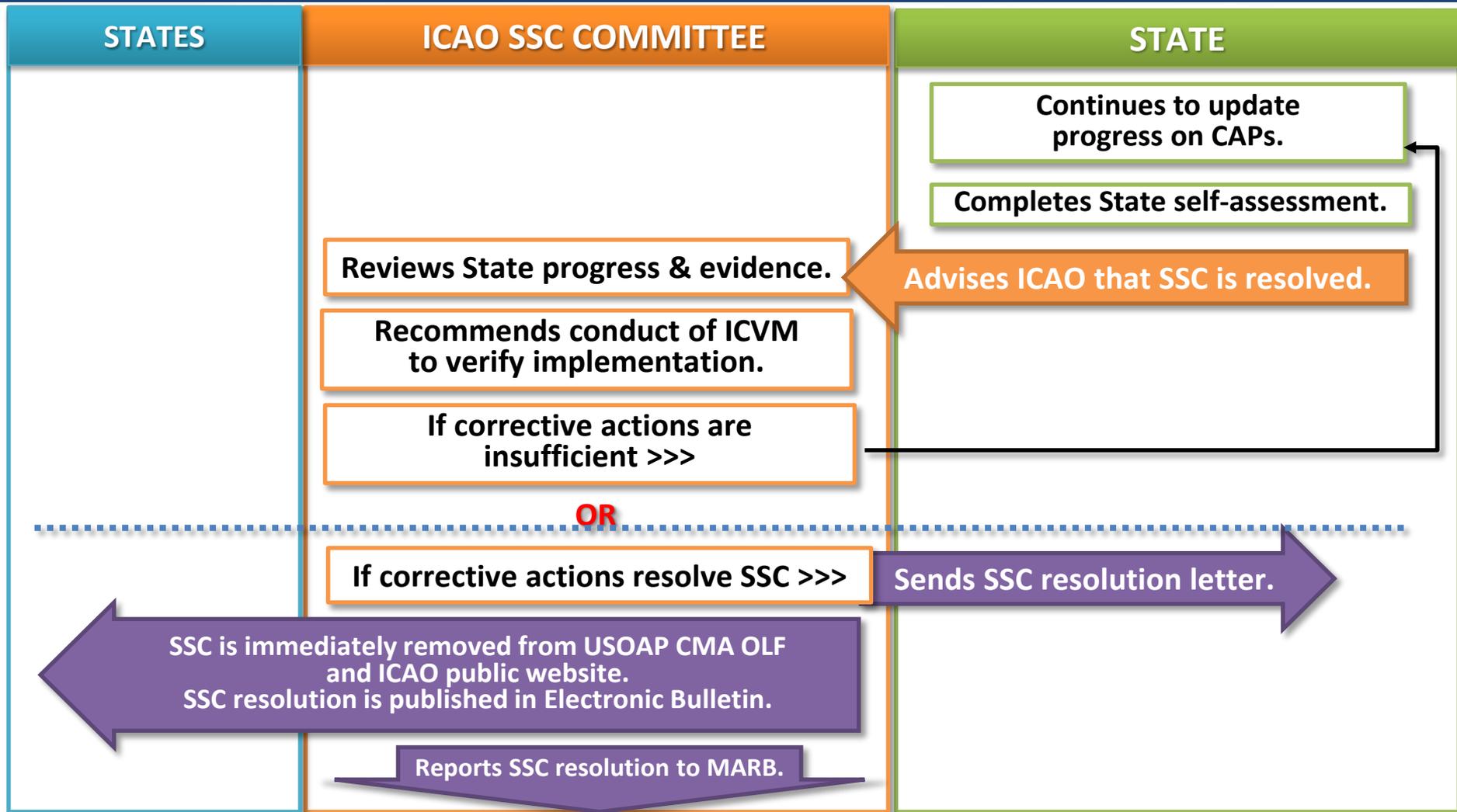
SSC Mechanism: Identification



SSC Mechanism: Notification



SSC Mechanism: Resolution



REPORT ON USOAP CMA ACTIVITIES & RESULTS: Jan 2013 – Dec 2015

USOAP CMA Report: Jan 13 – Dec 15



- Covers the period from 1 January 2013 (launch of the USOAP CMA) to 31 December 2015.
- Based on data collected through USOAP CMA and stored in the CMA OLF and iSTARS SPACE.
- Contains statistical data on USOAP activities and results (EIs) globally and by “Region” (ICAO RO accreditation areas).
- Also highlights issues identified in the 8 audit areas where EI is still low and where more efforts at global, regional and national levels are needed.
- Now available in the “CMA Library” on the OLF at <https://www.icao.int/usoap> and on the ICAO public website <http://www.icao.int>.

States' Main Obligations under the USOAP CMA

As per the USOAP CMA MOU and by using the OLF, States shall, in particular:

- continuously update their SAAQ and CCs/EFOD;
- continuously update their CAPs and PQ status (self–assessment), providing the related relevant evidence; and
- reply promptly to MIRs sent by ICAO.

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