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To: States, Territories and International Organizations

Subject: Invitation – Fifth Meeting of the Programmes and Projects Review Committee

(PPRC/5) of GREPECAS

Mexico City, Mexico, 16 to 18 July 2019

Action

Required: 1) Transmittal by States of any additional items to the Provisional Agenda by 22 **April 2019**

- Submission of documentation by the deadlines provided in this letter 2)
- 3) Register participation by 28 June 2019

Sir/Madam.

I wish to inform you that the Fifth Meeting of the GREPECAS Programmes and Projects Review Committee (PPRC/5) will be convened at the new premises of the ICAO NACC Regional Office in Mexico City, Mexico, from 16 to 18 July 2019. Please note the address:

Mariano Escobedo 526-2nd floor, Colonia Anzures, 11590 Mexico City, Mexico

One of the main objectives of the PPRC Meeting is to discuss the improvements that State Members of GREPECAS would like to implement to the current GREPECAS mechanism to enhance its performance and benefits to States and the regions. Under this main premise, the Meeting is invited to analyse the execution and outcomes of the different programmes, to review of ANConf/13 resolutions and A40 considerations; the inclusion, modification and/or cancellation of programmes and projects; to approve the results of the implementation of programmes and projects, the status of implementation of conclusions and decisions formulated by GREPECAS/18, and to review air navigation deficiencies in order to seek a way for managing and resolving them; the implementation of States' interregional activities, GREPECAS-RASG-PA coordination, and the monitoring and reporting of progress in the achievement of air navigation goals.

The Meeting is addressed to professionals in charge of the planning and implementation of air navigation in the civil aviation authorities of the CAR/SAM Regions States selected as members of the PPRC¹; as well States and International Organizations who are not members, but are interested in PPRC/5 Meeting agenda items

1The Member States for the CAR Region (Central American State selected by COCESNA Executive Committee (in rotation) Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Trinidad & Tobago and United States) were defined in the Fourth Meeting of Civil Aviation Directors of North America, Central America and the Caribbean (NACC/DCA/4, held at San Pedro de Sula, Honduras, 20-24 June 2011, under Conclusion 4/1, the Member States of the SAM Region (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Panama, Paraguay and Venezuela) were ratified at the Twelfth Meeting of Civil Aviation Authorities of the SAM Region (RAAC/12), which was held in Lima, Peru, from 3 to 6 October 2011, paragraph 2.3.5 of the Final Report.

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The working languages of the meeting will be English and Spanish, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided if sufficient participants of both languages provide timely registration.

The Provisional Agenda of the meeting is at **Appendix A**. States wishing to submit proposals for the addition of items should do so by **26 April 2019**.

You are kindly requested to complete and return the Registration Form at **Appendix B** by e-mail for each participant by **28 June 2019**.

The list of suggested hotels, ICAO NACC Regional Office location, hotel sector maps, as well as other useful information are available on the "Visiting Our Office?" Section of the ICAO NACC Regional Office website (http://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/visitors info.aspx). The new premises are in the same area and the list of hotels applies. Participants are encouraged to make reservations directly with the hotel(s) in a timely manner.

All meeting documentation will be placed in the Meetings Section of the following web page: https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/meetings.aspx?year=2019&cM=03&cY=2019 as it becomes available. Taking into consideration the availability of documentation in electronic format, no hard copies will be distributed during the event.

Documentation that your Administration/Organization may wish to submit/present at the meeting should be forwarded to this office by e-mail as soon as practicable in Microsoft Word using the attached templates. Working papers should be brief, action-oriented, and focused with a four-page limit excluding any appendices.

Only working papers received by this office by 17 May 2019, submitted by States/Territories, will be translated to ensure timely processing. Working papers received in this office after that date will have to be submitted in both languages. Otherwise, they will become Information Papers. Information papers will only be issued in the language submitted. Papers received from international organizations will not be translated and will be issued only in the language submitted. The deadline to receive papers is 8 July 2019. The deadlines for submission of documentation for translation will be strictly enforced. You are encouraged to submit documentation in both meeting languages (i.e., English and Spanish).

Furthermore, I am pleased to inform that each Project RLA/09/801 Member² may apply for a fellowship under Project RLA/09/801 within the fellowship offer for the current year. In order to know how many fellowships are available for your Administration for this year, please contact Ms. Claudia López, Technical Cooperation Associate (clopez@icao.int). The fellowship includes Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) to cover lodging and per diem. Your Administration shall provide the candidate with the air ticket to/from Mexico City, Mexico, and ensure that the candidate has the necessary travel documents, vaccinations, and visa prior to departure. The duly completed Fellowship Nomination Form must be received in this Regional Office by **17 June 2019**. The steps to apply for a fellowship, the nomination form and other useful information are published on the Project RLA/09/801 website at: http://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/edocs-tc.aspx

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² RLA/09/801 Project Member States are: Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, OECS States through ECCAA (Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), Trinidad and Tobago and Central American States through COCESNA (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua).

Regarding the fellowship offered to the Eastern Caribbean States through ECCAA, please note that the candidate appointment decision should be made between your Administration and ECCAA. Once coordination has been completed, the nomination form of the candidate representing the Eastern Caribbean States should be sent to this Regional Office by ECCAA.

If you require any further information regarding the meeting, please contact Mr. Julio Siu, Deputy Regional Director (jsiu@icao.int) or Mrs. Claudia Riva-Palacio, Assistant, (CRiva-Palacio@icao.int).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office

Enclosure:

Appendix A: Provisional Agenda Appendix B: Registration Form Appendix C: Template Working Paper

Appendix D: Template Appendix

Appendix E: Template Information Paper

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APPENDIX A FIFTH MEETING OF THE PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE (PPRC/5)

(Mexico City, Mexico, 16 to 18 July 2019)

DRAFT AGENDA

Agenda Item 1: Follow-up to the Valid Status of GREPECAS Conclusions and Decisions and of Air Navigation Deficiencies in the CAR/SAM Regions

- 1.1 Review of the status of implementation of GREPECAS valid conclusions and decisions
- 1.2 Status of air navigation deficiencies in the CAR/SAM Regions

Agenda Item 2: GREPECAS Enhancement Proposal

Agenda Item 3: Global, Intra- and Inter-Regional Air Navigation Activities

- 3.1 Analysis of the recommendations of the ICAO 13th Air Navigation Conference (AN/Conf-13)
- 3.2 Preparation for the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly
- 3.3 Follow-up to the implementation of inter- and intra-regional activities

Agenda Item 4: GREPECAS-RASG-PA Coordination Matters

Agenda Item 5: Review of GREPECAS Programmes and Projects and Subsidiary Groups

- 5.1 Projects under the PBN Programme (B0-APTA, B0-FRTO, B0-CDO and B0-CCO)
- 5.2 Projects under the ATFM Programme (B0-SEQ, B0-FRTO, B0-NOPS and B0 ACDM)
- 5.3 Projects under the Automation and ATM Situational Awareness Programme (BO-RSEQ, B0-FICE, B0-SNET, B0-ASUR and B0-SURF)
- 5.4 Projects under the Ground-ground and Air-ground Telecommunication Infrastructure Programme (B0-FICE and B0-TBO)
- 5.5 Projects under the Aerodromes Programme (B0-SURF and B0-ACDM)
- 5.6 Projects under the AIM Programme (B0-DATM)
- 5.7 Projects under the Aeronautical Meteorology Programme (B0-AMET)
- 5.8 Progress report of the Scrutiny Group (GTE)
- 5.9 Progress report of the CAR/SAM Regional Bird/Wildlife Hazard Prevention Committee (CARSAMPAF)
- 5.10 Progress report of the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Airfield Pavements (ALACPA)

Agenda Item 6: Monitoring and Reporting of the Implementation of Air Navigation in the CAR/SAM Regions

- 6.1 Status of implementation of air navigation in the CAR Region
- 6.2 Status of implementation of air navigation in the SAM Region
- 6.3 Development and implementation of National Air Navigation Plans
- 6.4 Other relevant air navigation implementation

Agenda Item 7: Analysis of the Emerging Threats to Air Navigation

- 7.1 ICAO's perspective on cyber-security and cyber-resilience
- 7.2 Other emerging threats to air navigation

Agenda Item 8: Organisation of GREPECAS and Preparation of GREPECAS Plenary

Agenda Item 9: Other Business

EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE PPRC/5 MEETING

Agenda Item 1: Follow-up to the Valid Status of GREPECAS Conclusions and Decisions and of Air Navigation Deficiencies in the CAR/SAM Regions

1.1 Review of the status of implementation of GREPECAS valid conclusions and decisions

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review the progress on the status of implementation of valid GREPECAS conclusions and decisions

1.2 Status of air navigation deficiencies in the CAR/SAM Regions

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will examine the current situation of status of air navigation deficiencies. Information will also be provided on the progress on the development by ICAO of the uniform methodology for the identification, assessment and reporting of air navigation deficiencies, and the report on deficiencies presented by IATA and other bodies like IFALPA will be analysed, if applicable.

Agenda Item 2: GREPECAS Enhancement Proposal

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will discuss enhancement proposals and improvements implemented in GREPECAS' mechanism by the new Chairpersonship and the Secretariat.

Agenda Item 3: Global, Intra- and Inter-Regional Air Navigation Activities

3.1 Analysis of the recommendations of the ICAO 13th Air Navigation Conference (AN/Conf-13)

Under this agenda item the Recommendations of the 13th Air Navigation Conference (AN/Conf-13) and their impact on air navigation and safety in the CAR/SAM Regions. The importance of the changes on the global framework for air navigation and aviation safety will be discussed in case of possible modifications and adjustments to GREPECAS Projects and Programmes, in particular the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS), the sixth edition of the *Global Air Navigation Plan* (GANP Doc 9750) and the 2017-2019 edition of the *Global Aviation Safety Plan* (GASP, Doc 10004).

3.2 Preparation for the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will be informed on air navigation and safety activities to be addressed at the A/40 and on preparatory activities carried out in the CAR/SAM Regions concerning said Assembly.

3.3 Follow-up to the implementation of inter- and intra-regional activities

The Meeting will be informed of the progress made in the development of Vol. III of the CAR/SAM eANP, as well as on the amendments to its Volumes I and II. States are required to provide a presentation on the current status of their National Air Navigation Plans harmonized with the GANP. The Meeting will also examine the progress on the implementation of interregional activities between the CAR and the SAM Regions, and between the CAR and SAM Regions and other ICAO regions concerning air navigation aspects.

Agenda Item 4: GREPECAS-RASG-PA Coordination Matters

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will note the activities carried out by RASG-PA since GREPECAS/18 meeting. Likewise, information will also be provided on the progress of the implementation of the GREPECAS/RASG-PA cooperation mechanism aimed at optimising efforts to improve safety and efficiency of operations.

Agenda Item 5: Review of GREPECAS Programmes and Projects and Subsidiary Groups

The Meeting will review the progress and execution of Projects under each GREPECAS Programmes since the GREPECAS/18 meeting. Likewise, it will analyse the progress of its subsidiary bodies.

Agenda Item 6: Monitoring and Reporting of the Implementation of Air Navigation in the CAR/SAM Regions

Under this agenda item, the progress of air navigation implementation in the CAR/SAM Regions will be discussed, including the need to speed up the implementation of some air navigation topics such as ACAS II, ADS-B and processes necessary to attain interoperability of data and systems, as well as other relevant matters. Likewise, the Meeting will discuss the importance of incorporating SWIM to the work of the projects and will present the progress of the implementation of the air navigation targets. Finally, the status of implementation of the national Air Navigation Plans will be reported.

Agenda Item 7: Analysis of the Emerging Threats to Air Navigation

7.1 ICAO's perspective on cyber-security and cyber-resilience

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will be informed on activities carried out in order to make States and the industry aware of the consequences of a cyber-attack in air navigation services and cyber-security recommendations and best practices.

7.2 Other emerging threats to air navigation

Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting will note the actions to be planned for the CAR/SAM Regions in order to address emerging threats to air navigation and safety related to drones, low level flights, supersonic flights, flights over FL600, certification of air navigation service providers, among other topics.

Agenda Item 8: Organisation of GREPECAS and Preparation of GREPECAS Plenary

The Meeting will review the terms of reference and work programme of the Programmes and Projects Review Committee and of GREPECAS in general. Preparation to hold GREPECAS plenary in 2010 will be initiated.

Agenda Item 9: Other business

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will examine any other matter that could not be addressed under the preceding agenda items.

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