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ORGANIZATION OF THE SAFETY STAND DOWN AWARENESS WEEK

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This information paper is aimed at informing the Training Centres of the NAM/CAR Regions about the promotion of the Regional Offices for the Organization of the Safety Stand Down Awareness Week and Promotion of the Aviation Security Culture in the NAM/CAR/SAM Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) and the entire aeronautical industry for the Americas, between 4 and 10 December 2022.

Strategic Objectives:

- Safety
- Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency
- Security & Facilitation
- Economic Development of Air Transport
- Environmental Protection

1. Introduction

1.1 The NACC and SAM Regional Offices sent out State Letter Ref. NT-N1-7 — E.OSG-NACC95335, dated 14 November 2022 regarding the Organization of the Safety Stand Down Awareness Week and the Promotion of the Aviation Safety Culture between 4 to 10 December 2022.

1.2 The Regions of North America, the Caribbean and South America are those which aviation recovers the fastest worldwide. After a pandemic that substantially reduced aviation activities, but that also underlined the importance of civil aviation for the sustainable development of States, the significant increase in air operations leads us to ensure the proper promotion and management of the safety of operations.

1.3 As a small contribution, that the Allianz Global report 2020, in association with Embry Riddle University, indicates the latest trends: (<https://www.agcs.allianz.com/content/dam/onemarketing/agcs/agcs/reports/AGCS-Aviation-Risk-Report-2020.pdf>).

Airline Claims Trends	Risk Trends
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High volume and growth • Magnitude of claims • Technology pushing higher • Values and cost of repairs • More expensive grounding cases • Growing potential for seniors • Compensation for liability • Foreign damage claims increase • Improper fuel incidents on the rise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortage of pilots and fatigue • Excessive reliance on automation • Increased exposures at flight schools • More turbulence due to climate change • Drone disruption • The threat of cyber business interruption is growing • Congested airports may raise occurrence of some risks/hazards • Accidents on land

1.4 In this sense, and to reactivate the awareness and interest of all those involved in maintaining and raising safety levels, the NACC and SAM Regional Offices announced an initiative to promote the Safety Awareness Week for the Americas (SCSO-Americas) and the promotion of the aviation security culture in the NAM/CAR/SAM CAAs and the entire aeronautical industry for the Americas. These events are to be held in the week of 4 to 10 December 2022, with the expectation of the participation of the main actors of the sector in these regions. During that week, it is expected to carry out various activities known in some States and also in other labour sectors as *Stand Down*, which are voluntary activities by employers to deal directly with their employees on safety issues.

1.5 The Training Centres, as integral part of the aviation industry are suggested to become part of this initiative, with talks, courses or webinars on safety, video presentations, provision of guidance material and other activities that increase awareness of how safety management is handled on broad issues, but also on specific issues of interest to those actors in the sector.

1.6 As the International Civil Aviation Day is celebrated on 7 December, convening the Awareness Week will have a high impact and great representativeness for the NAM/CAR/SAM Regions.

1.7 ICAO, through the NACC and SAM Regional Offices, in support of this initiative, will provide content on safety during that week, which the States will be able to use as a complement to the activities that are expected to be carried out by the actors in the sector. These contents will be provided on their websites, through links to reading materials, educational material, and audio visuals for use during SCSO-Americas. In addition, virtual talks of a maximum of one hour will be held daily, where employers will be able to encourage their staff to assist them, if it suits them.

1.8 The expectation of airlines, authorities, service providers, etc., could be, for instance, a safety chief providing a talk to the pilots about crew rest, human factors, negative trends that are being noticed internally, or a talk from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) about their organization's commitment to establishing, strengthening and maintaining the safety culture from the highest levels of the organization. In a Maintenance centre, it can be a talk about tool control to ensure that no tool is left where people were working. Safety awareness issues can be found in all branches and awareness of them is the obligation of all of us.

1.9 CAAs, training centres, operators, and service providers, as well as International Organizations such as ACI, ALTA, CANSO, IATA, and the industry such as Airbus, Boeing Embraer, and other collaborators have webinars or instructions on their platforms. The Regional Offices will try to have links on NACC and SAM Regional Offices websites. As such, the training centres are invited to send us links to support this initiative.

1.10 The Training Centres in the NAM/CAR Regions are invited to inform the Secretariat about the achievements in this effort within their institutions.