



**GREPECAS Programmes and Projects Committee (PPRC) Fifth Virtual Meeting
 (ePPRC/05)
 Online, 20 – 21 April 2023**

Agenda Item 3: GREPECAS organization and administration activities

**REVIEW OF THE GREPECAS PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE (PPRC)
 ROLE**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This working paper invites to review the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the GREPECAS Programmes and Projects Committee.	
Action:	Support the required action in paragraph 4.1.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety • Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency • Economic Development of Air Transport • Environmental Protection
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GREPECAS Terms of Reference (ToR) • Sixteenth Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning y Implementation Group Report • Twentieth Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group Report • C-DEC 219/7 ICAO Council

1. Introduction

1.1 The GREPECAS ToRs include the way in which the Regional Group operates. The Programmes and Projects Committee (PPRC) was created during the Sixteenth Meeting of GREPECAS (PIRG for the CAR/SAM Regions), as a result of the change from a management based on Sub-Group meetings to a Management based on results and therefore in Projects. Under the understanding that the PPRC would act as a body that reviews the progress of the different projects on an annual basis and GREPECAS more as a forum where the management of the projects was validated at a strategic level to adjust them to changes in the Global Air Navigation Plan in the ICAO Assembly review cycles.

1.2 However, ICAO Council C-DEC 219/7 modified the ToRs of the PIRGs, in which it included the periodicity of the PIRGs and RASGs Meetings on an annual basis. This mandate has been incorporated in the GREPECAS ToRs to adjust to C-DEC 219/7.

2. Analysis

2.1 As previously mentioned GREPECAS PPRC was created during the GREPECAS/16 meeting (Dominican Republic 2011).

2.2 The new GREPECAS organization in the aforementioned meeting, established the PPRC, which was going to replace and assume the functions previously assigned to the GREPECAS Administration Coordinated Group (ACG) and the Safety Board (ASB), with the exception of those internal nature responsibilities and the routine functions of the Secretariat, which would be carried out by ICAO.

2.3 Based on the creation of this group, GREPECAS defined that it would meet once every three years, shortly after the ICAO Assembly session, in order to provide the required guidance to the group, based on the resolutions of the Assembly. Meanwhile, the GREPECAS work program was going to be led by the PPRC, which was also going to prepare the GREPECAS annual reports to be approved by GREPECAS and presented by the Secretariat to the Air Navigation Committee (ANC), for its subsequent presentation to the Council, if applicable.

2.4 The Meeting defined that the PPRC would have the following main functions:

- Manage the programmes and projects activities and approve the results including the addition and deletion of programmes and projects
- Review long outstanding high safety risk air navigation deficiencies, which are not resolved in a timely manner and advise the Secretariat regarding reporting to the ICAO ANC and Council
- Prepare the annual GREPECAS progress reports for the ICAO ANC
- Maintain the GREPECAS Procedural Handbook
- Schedule GREPECAS meetings
- Prepare the draft GREPECAS meeting agendas

2.5 ICAO, after GREPECAS/16, sent a Communication to the States/Territories dated 11 May 2011 (EMX0478), enclosing the Explanatory Notes and a draft of the revised Procedural Handbook (6th edition 2011) inviting to provide comments and ratification of the new GREPECAS organization. The deadline for comments was 11 June 2011. Some comments on the Procedural Handbook were received from Cuba, Dominican Republic, and United States, which were going to be incorporated into the final version as appropriate. In view that no objection was received to the ratification by any State/Territory, the new organization of GREPECAS was approved.

2.6 During 2020, the ICAO Council during the review of Resolutions and Decisions of the ICAO Assembly 40th Session, decided to align PIRGs and RASGs calendar with the requirements of annual reports. The Council, in its C-DEC 219/7 during the Reference review, implemented the decision of the Assembly and on 7 August 2020, the President of the Council approved the amendment of the Terms of Reference of the PIRGs and RASGs to include annual meetings. GREPECAS analyzed this approval and based on this decision modified its ToRs, and since 2021 the GREPECAS meetings are held annually as the PPRC.

2.7 Additionally, GREPECAS/20 approved the creation of the SAR Program to work on projects in the SAR area, indicating that it was not appropriate to send a program, presented to the Meeting, to a lower body for analysis and approval.

3. Conclusions

3.1 Considering that the functions of the CRPP, established in GREPECAS/16, were stated for a tri-annual meeting of GREPECAS, with the change of the ToR, to annual meetings; and the advantages offered by virtual events, there is an opportunity to analyze a change for a more effective CRPP process. It could be considered as an executive committee, with powers additional to those of reviewing programs and projects.

3.2 The Meeting could observe that the task of reviewing the GREPECAS Programs and Projects would no longer be the task that would mainly remain for the CRPP, remaining as an intermediate official instance for follow-up and preparation of the GREPECAS Plenary. The task of reviewing the projects could also seek a different, more effective mechanism based on results and with an emphasis on KPIs, it could be with an Ad Hoc Group that reviews the Projects and prepares a report with the recommendations for the GREPECAS plenary.

3.3 The Meeting could review the proposal and urge the GREPECAS plenary to analyze the feasibility or not of the continuation of the CRPP, the adjustment to the name and functions of the CRPP, and take action in relation to the review of the GREPECAS ToR. All of the above, in order to give efficiency and effectiveness to the GREPECAS mechanism and a valuable follow-up to States in the implementation of Air Navigation.

4. Suggested Actions

4.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) review and take note of the information provided in this note;
- b) urge the States in relation to the actions indicated in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3; and
- c) take other actions deemed appropriate.