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Response Meeting (NAM/CAR/CONT/5)
Mexico City, Mexico 15 to 16 May 2025**

Agenda Item 5: CAR Region Air Traffic Management (ATM) Contingency Plan

UPDATE OF THE CAR REGION AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (ATM) CONTINGENCY PLAN

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This Working Paper presents a proposal to review and update the CAR Region Air Traffic Management Contingency Plan.	
Action:	Suggested actions are included in Section 5.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAR Region Air Traffic Management (ATM) Contingency Plan

1. Introduction

1.1 Regional Planning is complex process that requires clarity of objectives to obtain consensus and ensure consistent implementation.

1.2 The drafting of regional planning documents serves to provide guidance in support of compliance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and reflect regional agreements for ease of reference.

2. Background

2.1 At the Fourth NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group Meeting (ANI/WG/4) held in Miami, United States, from 21 to 24 August 2018, the ICAO NACC Regional Office presented a proposal for CAR Regional Contingency Planning and Response Strategy, to enhance the preparedness, response and recovery from contingencies for the CAR Region.

2.2 To move forward with this strategy, the ICAO NACC Regional Office convened the First Regional Contingency and Emergency Planning and Response Meeting (NAM/CAR/CONT/1), held in Mexico City, Mexico, from 12 to 14 March 2019.

2.3 The Meeting agreed the creation of an Ad hoc Group, integrated by Dominican Republic, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, COCESNA and IATA to draft the Caribbean Region ATM Contingency Plan.

2.4 The Ad Hoc Group presented the proposal for the CAR Region ATM Contingency Plan to the Fifth NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group Meeting (ANI/WG/5) Mexico City, Mexico, 27 to 31 May 2019. The ANI/WG endorsed the Plan, and the Secretariat used the Fast-Track Method to get the approval of the NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group (NACC/WG), Member States and Territories.

3. Analysis

3.1 The purpose of the CAR Region ATM Contingency Plan is to provide guidance and promote a regional harmonized response to contingencies that affect or may affect continuous provision of ATS in the CAR Region, and provide guidelines for the development of contingency planning based on conclusions and decisions by the CAR/SAM Planning and Implementation Regional Group (GREPECAS) and the NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group (ANI/WG).

3.2 The Plan is structured to provide regional ATM contingency planning elements, linkage with other regional planning schemes, guidelines for ATM contingency planning, and guidelines for regional coordination to respond to contingencies.

3.3 Several elements of the Plan were expected to be completed and/or enhanced according to the assessment completed by the States and the Secretariat. Most of that assessment has been completed but no updates have been proposed to the Plan.

4. Conclusions

4.1 ANS provision in the CAR Region continuously evolve and the context for contingency planning has changed since the approval of the CAR Region ATM Contingency plan.

4.2 In that sense, the need to review and update the regional planning document is evidenced, in order to ensure adequate response and consistent stakeholders' engagement.

5. Suggested Actions

5.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information provided in this Working Paper;
- b) Request the Secretariat to take the necessary steps to review and, if necessary, update the CAR Region's ATM Contingency Plan to ensure that it is properly harmonized and suitable as a reference for contingency planning and response in the CAR Region; and,
- c) Suggest any other action deemed necessary.

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