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Agenda Item 4: Status of implementation of the GASP safety goals, targets and indicators including the priorities set in the regional safety plan

4.3. Other Safety initiatives

Establishment of a State Safety Oversight System in the Republic of South Sudan

(Presented by CASSOA)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper discusses a project aimed at establishing a State Safety Oversight System that EAC CASSOA, in collaboration with AFCAC, is currently implementing in the Republic of South Sudan. The Republic of South Sudan has embarked on a project to establish a comprehensive civil aviation state safety oversight system. The Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA) of the East African Community (EAC) took the lead in the development and implementation of this project.

The project is divided into three phases, each focusing on specific aspects of safety oversight. The first phase includes Critical Element 1 (CE-1) of a safety oversight system, CE-2 and CE-5, which include the development of primary civil aviation legislation, applicable regulations and technical guidance materials. The African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), as part of the European Union (EU) Aviation Safety in Africa (ASA) project, funded this initiative. To date, the first phase of the project has been successfully completed.

Action: The action by the Meeting is in **paragraph 3**

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	Aviation Safety
<i>References:</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ICAO's Global Aviation Safety Plan 2. Abuja Declaration on Aviation Safety in Africa; and 3. Revised Abuja Safety Targets incorporating AFI ANS performance indicators

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Republic of South Sudan is actively working towards establishing a comprehensive civil aviation safety oversight system through the leadership of CASSOA. This project, divided into three phases, aims to enhance safety oversight in the country's aviation industry. The successful completion of the first phase, which involved the development of primary civil aviation legislation, regulations, and guidance materials, was made possible with funding from AFCAC under the EU ASA Project.
- 1.2 By aligning with the Global Aviation Safety Plan and the revised Abuja safety and air navigation targets, South Sudan showcases its dedication to meeting international standards and recommended practices. This initiative will not only strengthen safety measures but also streamline regulatory frameworks and improve the overall safety oversight system in the aviation sector, ultimately ensuring the safe and efficient operation of air transport within and beyond South Sudan's borders.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The development of the civil aviation legislation in the Republic of South Sudan has been based on various international standards and guidelines. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Convention and its Annexes formed the basis of the legislation. These Annexes cover various aspects of safety, security of the flight operations, providing a comprehensive framework for the development of national regulations.
- 2.2 In addition to the ICAO SARPS, South Sudan has also been inspired by the Model East African Community (EAC) Civil Aviation Act. This Act serves as a regional reference for civil aviation legislation, ensuring the harmonization of civil aviation laws among partner states. By adopting the EAC model, South Sudan is aligning itself with some neighboring countries and promoting regional cooperation on aviation safety.
- 2.3 In addition, South Sudan has developed a draft Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation Bill, which sets out requirements for the investigation and reporting of aviation accidents and incidents. This bill is crucial to identify the causes of accidents and implement preventive measures to enhance safety.
- 2.4 The development of regulations and technical guidance materials has also played an important role in the implementation of civil aviation legislation, providing detailed instructions and guidance for various operational aspects, including airworthiness, licensing and air navigation.
- 2.5 The completion of the first phase of the project in South Sudan has resulted in significant achievements. Key achievements include the development of draft civil aviation laws, applicable regulations and comprehensive technical guidance materials in all auditable areas. In addition, the project missions focused on raising awareness and engaging key stakeholders in South Sudan, particularly senior officials involved in decision-making in the aviation sector.
- 2.6 By incorporating these international conventions, models and guidelines into its civil aviation legislation, South Sudan ensures compliance with global best practices and strengthens safety oversight in its aviation sector. This approach facilitates the establishment of a robust regulatory

framework that promotes safe and efficient flight operations in the country.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information Provided in the Working Paper;
- b) Encourage South Sudan to enact civil aviation and accident investigation bills without further delay, promulgate regulations and technical guidance materials (TGMs); and
- c) Donor States, Regional Economic Communities and development partners to support South Sudan in financing the remaining two phases of the project.

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