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Agenda Item 4: **Working session: Challenges of, and Solutions to, the Effective Implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)**

WORKING SESSION CONFORMATION AND METHODOLOGY

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY		
This information paper details the conformation and methodology to be used in the working session to discuss the main challenges affecting the effective implementation of ICAO SARPs in the NAM/CAR Regions, particularly in their USOAP and USAP implementation, and to propose appropriate solutions to address those challenges.		
Strategic Objectives:	• Safety • Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency • Security & Facilitation • Environmental Protection	
References:	• WP/02 – NACC/DCA Meeting Valid and Draft Conclusions and Decisions • WP/03 – Progress of the AVSEC/FAL Projects and Initiatives • WP/05 – Safety Implementation updates	

1.   Introduction

1.1   Aviation is known for being an industry of increasing complexity, which is associated with continuous technological advancement, and which must respond to a society that increasingly demands safety, efficiency, low cost, and speed in transporting people and cargo, at the same time in which it demands respect and protection for the environment.

1.2   Naturally, this industry has become one of the most regulated among all human activities, with ICAO establishing the standards and recommended practices to be implemented by Member States.

1.3   Amid this scenario, many States have expressed great difficulty effectively implementing SARPs.

1.4   Aiming to find solutions to the problem that are commensurate with the region's realities, the Secretariat scheduled a work session, the implementation of which is described below.

2.   Conformation and Methodology

2.1   The Secretariat will present the current status of effective implementation in USOAP CMA and USAP CMA, so that States take note of the current situation of implementation, as well as to set up the ideas for the working session. The main questions to be developed and discussed are:

        a)   What challenges do States face for complying and improving their effective implementation of flight safety and aviation security oversight requirements?

        b)   What actions or assistance would the State need from ICAO to overcome the identified challenges?

2.2   To discuss the problems, the Meeting participants will be divided into groups, with an emphasis on creating diverse tables composed of representatives from various States and Regions. To this end, delegations will be broken up among various tables. Depending on the number of participants, 8 worktables may be formed.

2.3   The Secretariat will announce the composition of each table, and each participant must take a seat at the worktable to which they were assigned. Each table will have a list of its members to make it easier to find assigned seats.

2.4   Each worktable will designate a Rapporteur, who will lead the discussion of the table during the established period as per the Order of Business.

2.5   It is expected that each Rapporteur encourages everyone to participate in their worktable in order to obtain as many contributions as possible. The Secretariat will assist all worktables as necessary during the work session.

2.6   Each worktable is encouraged to seek solutions that are appropriate, practical and reasonable, taking into special consideration the human and financial resources necessary for their implementation.

2.7   Rapporteurs will record the main discussion points and conclusions under each of the two questions and submit to the Secretariat at the end of the discussion. The secretariat will consolidate the reports and present the discussion points and recommendations during agenda item 5.

2.8   The Secretariat will provide additional instructions during the session as necessary.

3. **Expected Outcomes**

3.1   As a result of the discussions, the Meeting is expected to develop realistic action proposals addressing Safety and Aviation Security Oversight requirements.

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