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Agenda Item 7:

Regional Cooperation and Training Matters

7.2 ICAO Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA) – Americas

REPORT ON CAPSCA – AMERICAS ACTIVITIES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents to the Meeting the activities and achievements of CAPSCA Americas.	
References:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of the 11th Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Central Caribbean (C/CAR/DCA/11), Mexico City, Mexico (21 to 23 July 2010).• Report of the 23rd Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Eastern Caribbean (E/CAR/DCA/23), Christchurch, Barbados (9 to 12 November 2010).• Report of the 95th Meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation of Central America and Panama (DGAC/CAP/95), Antigua, Guatemala (8 to 10 February 2011).• http://www.capsca.org/Americas.html	
Strategic Objective	<i>This working paper is related to Strategic Objective A.</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 This working paper presents the achievements of CAPSCA Americas and encourages those States and Territories which are not yet members to join by informing ICAO during the Meeting, or thereafter by sending a letter to the ICAO NACC Regional Office.

2. Discussion

2.1 The CAPSCA Americas project and its progress and achievements has been presented in the meetings of the Directors of Civil Aviation of the Central Caribbean, Eastern Caribbean, Central America and Panama held in 2009, 2010 and 2011. The Directors have adopted conclusions supporting the project in each meeting.

2.2 Fifteen of the 21 States in the NAM/CAR Regions have joined CAPSCA Americas. The outstanding States are Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. This is also the case with the France, Netherlands and United Kingdom Territories. It is clarified that Territories may join the project and receive its benefits regardless of its respective State membership of ICAO and CAPSCA. Also, it is not appropriate for ECCAA alone to represent OECS States in the project due to the objective of providing direct assistance to the national public health authorities and airports. However, ECCAA is encouraged to join as the civil aviation regulatory authority for the OECS States, in addition to individual OECS States participating in the project.

2.3 State officers from Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico and United States have been nominated as technical advisers, members of the CAPSCA Americas Regional Aviation Medicine and Public Health Team (RAMPHT), and trained by ICAO to participate as members of the teams carrying out assistance visits to States and airports.

2.4 Barbados, Canada, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, and United States received CAPSCA assistance visits to their States and airports in 2010. Assistance visits to Costa Rica and Cuba will be carried out from 27 June to 1 July 2011, and it is planned to undertake more assistance visits to CAR Region States in 2011 and 2012.

2.5 The CAPSCA Americas objectives, description, membership, organisation, contacts, references, activities and results are published on the web page: <http://www.capsca.org/Americas.html>.

2.6 The last 3rd Meetings of the Regional Aviation Medicine and Public Health Team (RAMPHT/3) and Steering Committee (SCM/3) of CAPSCA Americas, and the Regional Seminar on Public Health Emergency Planning and Preparedness, were held from 16 to 20 May 2011 in Bogotá, Colombia.

2.7 The next 4th Meetings of the Regional Aviation Medicine and Public Health Team (RAMPHT/4) and Steering Committee (SCM/4) of CAPSCA Americas, and the 3rd CAPSCA Global Coordination Meeting, will be held in Santiago, Chile, from 8 to 12 October 2012. States are encouraged to commit for their focal points for the CAPSCA Americas project to attend these events.

3. Suggested action

3.1 The Meeting is invited to encourage the pending States and Territories to join and participate actively in CAPSCA Americas and consider adopting the following draft Conclusion:

DRAFT CONCLUSION 4/X

ICAO CAPSCA - AMERICAS PROJECT

That:

- a) Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines confirm participation in CAPSCA Americas by sending a letter to the ICAO NACC Regional Office;
- b) States prepare and update aviation public health emergency preparedness plans in collaboration with the civil aviation and public health authorities, and perform exercises to test such plans in compliance with related ICAO SARPs and WHO IHR (2005); and
- c) States which have not yet received assistance visits accept such visits scheduled by CAPSCA Americas in 2011 and 2012.

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