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DISCUSSION PAPER

Agenda: National Civil Aviation Security Programme - National Governance, Coordination and Implementation Framework

Title: National governance, coordination and implementation framework

Organisation: Department of Transport.

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SUMMARY

This discussion paper seeks leaders' views on how Papua New Guinea can use the National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP), Revision 8.0 dated 1 May 2025, as an active national governance and implementation framework for aviation security. It invites discussion on disciplined execution, inter-agency coordination, evidence of effective implementation and assurance, timely escalation of resource or capability constraints, and national follow-up to relevant DGCA/61 aviation security outcomes.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The NCASP objective is to establish a regulatory platform to protect the security, regularity and efficiency of civil aviation through safeguards against acts of unlawful interference. The Programme states that it is established in accordance with Annex 17 Standard 3.1.1 and is intended as a national policy reference for aviation security requirements and responsibilities.

Revision 8.0 is dated 1 May 2025 and is issued for use. The Programme states that it is designed around Annex 17, security-related provisions of Annex 9, relevant national legislation and Civil Aviation Rules.

2.0 DISCUSSION

The NCASP identifies the Ministry for Civil Aviation as the designated appropriate authority and delegates responsibility for developing, implementing and maintaining the NCASP to CASA PNG. The NCASP assigns CASA PNG responsibilities that include coordination between organisations, allocation of tasks, review and maintenance of the Programme, national quality control, national training, risk assessment and cybersecurity measures.

The NCASP establishes the National Civil Aviation Security Committee (NCASC). Its terms of reference include consideration of the threat environment, coordination of aviation security measures among responsible organisations, review of the NCASP and recommendations for changes in national aviation security policy. The NCASP provides for bi-annual meetings and states that, wherever possible, NCASC meetings will coincide with National Air Transport Facilitation Committee meetings because of their synergies and comparable memberships.

The NCASP is to be read with the National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme and the National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme. The NCASP includes provisions covering responsibilities, airport and aircraft security, access control, cybersecurity, passenger and baggage security, cargo and mail, security equipment, personnel, response to acts of unlawful interference, evaluation of effectiveness, risk assessment and adjustment of programmes.

The NCASP provides for evaluation of effectiveness through quality control activities such as audits, inspections, tests and investigations, together with exercises and management review. It also provides for programme adjustment when failures, vulnerabilities or changes in legislation, threat environment or ICAO SARPs require amendment.

DGCA/61 adopted no Core Action Item under the Aviation Security and Facilitation category but issued Recommendations REC-20 to REC-23. REC-20 concerns the dynamic threat environment and information sharing, while REC-21 concerns information-security risks within safety, security and oversight arrangements and regional cooperation on trusted information sharing. These matters are directly relevant to the NCASP's threat/risk coordination and cybersecurity provisions.

ICAO State Letter AP112/26 (TC) asks States/Administrations to review DGCA/61 outcomes and provide completion or progress updates on applicable Action Items through the DGCA Conference Action Items Tracker Portal no later than 31 August 2027.

3.0 ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

The conference is invited to:

- a. Discuss and provide guidance on strengthening disciplined implementation of the NCASP across responsible organisations;
- b. Discuss maintaining effective inter-agency coordination through the National Civil Aviation Security Committee and related mechanisms;
- c. Discuss strengthening evidence, assurance and timely escalation of resource or capability constraints;
- d. Discuss coordinating national consideration and follow-up of relevant DGCA/61 aviation security outcomes through the existing NCASP governance framework; and
- e. Discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

References: PNG National Civil Aviation Security Programme, Rev. 8.0, 1 May 2025; ICAO State Letter AP112/26 (TC), 21 September 2026; Final List of Action Items arising from DGCA/61.