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ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A RUNWAY SAFETY PROGRAMME

A runway safety programme shall be established and implemented for the prevention of runway incursions, runway excursions and other events linked to runway safety. This therefore requires that the aerodrome operators, air traffic services, aircraft operators and pilots form part of this programme.

The runway incursion prevention programme shall start with the establishment of a Runway Safety Team (RST) at the Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport (PGIA). The primary role of this RST shall be coordinated by a central authority, and as a minimum should:

a. develop an action plan for runway safety;
b. advise management as appropriate on potential runway incursion issues; and
c. recommend strategies for hazard removal and mitigation of the residual risk.

The RST shall be comprised of representatives from:

1. the aerodrome operator;
2. air traffic service provider;
3. airline or aircraft operators;
4. pilots; and
5. any other groups with a direct involvement in runway operations.

This RST should meet on a regular basis. The frequency of meetings shall be determined by the team but shall be at intervals of not less than three months.

Once the overall number, type and severity of runway incursions have been determined, the RST shall establish goals that will improve the safety of runway operations.

Some examples of possible goals are:

• to improve runway safety data collection, analysis and dissemination;
• to check that signage and markings are BDCA and ICAO-compliant and visible to pilots and drivers;
• to develop initiatives for improving the standard of communications;
• to ensure that procedures are compliant with National Regulations and ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs); and

- to initiate local awareness by developing and distributing runway safety education and training material to controllers, pilots and personnel driving vehicles on the aerodrome.

This AIC is promulgated in an effort to reduce the number of runway-related accidents and incidents in Belize and also with the aim to raise awareness and share information as a means to generate effective solutions.

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