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PUBLICATION OF THE STATE SAFETY PROGRAMME-RELATED PROTOCOL QUESTION MATURITY LEVEL MATRICES

1. The implementation of effective State Safety Programmes (SSPs) and the strengthening of States' safety oversight capabilities are among the six primary goals of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP).
2. Following completion of Phase 1 of the SSP Implementation Assessment (SSPIA) under the framework of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) in 2020, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will begin Phase 2 in 2021 to determine the maturity level of a State's SSP, based on four SSP components, namely, State safety policy and objectives, State safety risk management, State safety assurance, and State safety promotion.
3. For Phase 2 of the SSPIA, ICAO had developed, in 2020, a set of maturity level matrices, associated with each SSP-related protocol question (PQ), to augment the SSPIA assessment tool. The maturity level matrices will be used in the quantitative assessment of the maturity levels achieved by a State in its SSP implementation.
4. The SSPIA assessment tool, composed of the SSP-related PQs and the associated maturity level matrices, is now posted on the USOAP CMA online framework (<https://www.icao.int/usoap>) under the heading "CMA Library".
5. An SSP PQ Self-Assessment module will be available shortly on the USOAP CMA online framework. States are encouraged to use this module to review and update their SSP information. ICAO will use this information as part of its planning for conducting future SSPIAs.

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