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Panel 1 – Maintenance

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About the Session – Panel 1: Maintenance

Aircraft maintenance is a global business. The discussion focuses on the way forward on global recognition of approved maintenance organizations, surveillance activities and reducing duplicate certification. In response several initiatives have been launched. Such initiatives have to be developed in collaboration.

About the Panel

- EASA: Juan Anton, Maintenance Regulations Section Manager
- FAA: Steve Douglas, Manager, Aircraft Maintenance Division
- IAQG: Flavio Izzo, IAQG MRO and 9110 Teams
- Duncan Aviation: Todd Duncan, Chairman
- LHT: Rainer Lindau, VP Quality Management

Overview: The AMOs' Perspective

- AMOs must be approved by more NAAs than other kinds of aviation entities.
- Results in costly, burdensome and technically redundant audits with little, if any, safety benefits
- Less validation, more certification
- Major reason: State of Registry's ICAO responsibilities
- National sovereignty (political) and legal constraints are contributing factors.
- Structural issues aside, major international regulatory agencies should eliminate unnecessary obstacles.

Overview: Potential Solutions

Short, medium and long-term

- Are NAAs doing enough to help?
- To what extent does third-party accreditation help?
How about SMS?
- Can delegation of certification efforts be increased?
Can initial certification be expedited based on other NAA approvals? Can renewal requirements be eliminated, particularly in bilateral countries?
- ICAO initiatives
- Is it time to amend the Convention on International Civil Aviation? If so, how?

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It helps clients navigate the maze of government mandates while enhancing safety, efficiency and productivity.

About the Moderator – Marshall S. Filler

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