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Agenda Item 10: Air Navigation Global Developments

AVIATION SYSTEM BLOCK UPGRADES (ASBU)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents information related to the Aviation System Block Upgrades and outcomes from the Global Air Navigation Industry Symposium, held in Montréal, from 20 to 23 September 2011.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 ICAO hosted the Global Air Navigation Industry Symposium (GANIS) from 20 to 23 September 2011. The event was considered a great success, with over 500 participants from Industry, States and International Organizations in attendance.

1.2 The Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs) are the primary subject of the Twelfth Air Navigation Conference, which will be held from 19 to 30 November 2012. The Symposium was held as a platform to enable industry to provide feedback relating to the ASBU concept, prior to the Conference.

1.3 During the Symposium, the GANIS Working Document (now renamed “ASBU Working Document”), which contains detailed explanations of the Block Upgrades concept and its components, was unveiled to industry and posted on the ICAO website for comments.

2. DISCUSSION

Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU)

2.1 Following the GANIS, ICAO collected feedback from industry and States on the Working Document. This feedback was reviewed and used to develop an updated version of the ASBU Working Document, which is currently available for further comments.

2.2 The Aviation System Block upgrades concept will be included into the revision of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and presented to the Twelfth Air Navigation Conference. The latest version of the ASBU Working Document, containing the detailed explanations of the blocks, can be found at the ICAO website at: www.icao.int/anconf12/asbu.

2.3 ICAO Middle East Regional Office, in coordination with Headquarters, conducted a Seminar for High Level Briefing on the Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) on 30 January 2012. The Seminar was attended by representatives from MID States and International Organizations.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to provide feedback to ICAO on the ASBU Working Document by 16 February 2012, via the website: www.icao.int/anconf12/asbu.

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