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Agenda Item 2:   **Global Developments related to Aviation Safety**

ICAO LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS (LPRs)
TECHNICAL SEMINAR (25 - 27 MARCH 2013)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This information paper presents the outcome of the ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements (LPRs) Technical Seminar convened in Montréal, Canada, 25 - 27 March 2013.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1.   INTRODUCTION

1.1   The ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements (LPRs) Technical Seminar was convened by ICAO in Montréal, Canada, 25 - 27 March 2013.

2.   DISCUSSION

2.1   The LPRs Seminar followed two Symposia that ICAO conducted in 2004 and 2007. These two previous events were conducted before the applicability date of the language proficiency requirements of 5 March 2008 to assist States and the industry in putting in place all necessary measures to comply with the language provisions by the applicability date.

2.2   In the last five years, licensing authorities, airlines and air navigation service providers, as well as language testing and training providers have done much work to pursue the implementation of the safety-critical language provisions as mandated by Assembly Resolution A32-16 in 1998 and embodied in Annexes 1, 6, 10 and 11 as well as Doc 4444 – PANS-ATM. Progress on the implementation of the language provisions has been considered by the 36th and 37th sessions of the Assembly (A36-10 and A37-13 refer).

2.3   This event brought together all stakeholders from the Aviation Industry including: Civil Aviation Administrations, International Organizations, Aviation Language Training Centres, Aviation Language Test Providers, Airlines and Air Navigation Service Providers.

2.4   Stakeholders had the opportunity to learn about web-based tools that ICAO has introduced to implement best practices in aviation language training and testing and to provide feedback on how the implementation of the language provisions can be progressed.

2.5   The Seminar provided an opportunity to:

- review the ICAO language provisions and remind stakeholders of their roles in implementing them;
- hear about States' challenges in implementing the LPRs;
- identify current tools, trends and status of ICAO LPRs implementation globally; and
- disseminate information on implementation tools to expedite compliance with ICAO LPRs.

2.6   More information related to the Seminar is available at http://www.icao.int/safety/lpr/Pages/Language-Proficiency-Requirements.aspx.

3.   ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1   The meeting is invited to note the information in this paper.

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