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REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMISSION ON AGENDA ITEMS 7 AND 8

(Presented by the Chairman of the Technical Commission)

The attached report on Agenda Items 7 and 8 has been approved by the Technical Commission.

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Agenda Item 7: Annual Reports of the Council to the Assembly for 2001, 2002 and 2003

7:1 The Plenary had referred to the Technical Commission the air navigation parts of the Annual Reports of the Council to the Assembly for 2001, 2002, 2003 and the Supplement for the first six months of 2004 (Docs 9786, 9814, 9862 and Supplement).

7:2 The Commission noted, without comment, the work accomplished in the air navigation field during the past three years, as reflected in Chapter II and in related parts of Chapter I of the Annual Reports of the Council for 2001, 2002, 2003 and the Supplement for the first six months of 2004.

**Advanced surface movement guidance and control system
(A-SMGCS): Implementation of surveillance and control
requirements for European airports**

7:3 The Technical Commission reviewed A35-WP/128 presented by the Netherlands on behalf of the European Community and its Member States concerning the issue of how to translate the operational and performance requirements contained in the ICAO *Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control Systems (A-SMGCS) Manual* (Doc 9830). The Commission noted the intention of the Member States of the European Community to recommend the use of the aforementioned manual and invited the ICAO Council to encourage its use for the implementation of surveillance and control function specifications and to support the use of the manual for the development of A-SMGCS procedures.

Towards implementation of the Single European Sky

7:4 The Technical Commission reviewed A35-WP/129 presented by the Netherlands on behalf of the European Community and its Member States concerning progress made in the implementation of the Single European Sky. The Commission noted the intention of the Member States of the European Union to implement the Single European Sky, and invited the Council to take the necessary steps to support the introduction of this programme and to promote the required measures to integrate the implementation in Europe with the bordering regions, as well as to consider the European initiative for possible implementation in other regions. The Commission recalled that the initiative had been addressed at the Eleventh Air Navigation Conference (Montreal, 22 September to 3 October 2003) and Recommendation 4/4 had been approved by the Air Navigation Commission. Accordingly, ICAO was following the progress of the “Single European Sky” project for possible use in other homogeneous regions or at the global level.

Agenda Item 8: Programme Budget for 2005, 2006 and 2007

8:1 The Plenary had referred to the Technical Commission the air navigation parts of the Programme Budget of the Organization for 2005, 2006 and 2007 (A35-WP/20, Corrigenda Nos. 1 and 2 and Addendum No. 1).

8:2 The Secretary introduced the parts of the Programme Budget of the Organization for 2005, 2006 and 2007 which had been referred to the Technical Commission by the Plenary. He highlighted that the air navigation programme was instrumental in support of aviation safety. It was pointed out that in view of the budgetary reduction over the next triennium, it was considered necessary to shift the focus of the programme so as to ensure that the Organization provides the best near-term benefits for Contracting States. In this regard, the budget was reflective of a shift in priorities from developing new Standards to facilitating the implementation of existing ones. The proposal also included measures to integrate the activities of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme as an integral part of the regular programme budget. It was emphasized that by re-focusing the orientation of the Programme, it was believed that ICAO could best meet the most pressing safety needs of the world civil aviation community.

8:3 The Commission emphasized the importance of flight safety and the contribution of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) to aviation safety, as well as the consequent need for the Secretary General to give the programme appropriate priority in the budget.

8:4 The Commission expressed its support for a shift in priorities from developing new Standards to facilitating the implementation of existing ones.

8:5 The Technical Commission agreed to forward Chapters II, and VIII of the proposed budget of the Organization for 2005, 2006 and 2007.

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