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DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

TWENTIETH MEETING

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Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284) for incorporation in the 2007-2008 Edition

INTERNATIONAL ACCESS CODE

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At DGP WG/04 a paper (DGP-WG/04-WP/41) was presented proposing that the Panel support the Secretary in requesting that State variations requiring the provision of an emergency telephone number not require that the telephone number include the international access code.

1.2 The report of DGP WG/04, 7.6.1, shows that the proposal was agreed.

1.3 Since that time there has been no modification made by States to the relevant variations: AE 1, FR 9 and US 12. In addition a new State variation from Jamaica, JM 3, was advised in the recent addendum/corrigendum to the 2005-2006 Technical Instructions that had this requirement.

1.4 As identified in DGP WG/04 WP/41, the difficulty with requiring the international access code is that this code varies depending on the region or country from which the call is placed. For example to comply with the requirements of AE 01, the shipper must show the telephone number prefixed with the international access code "00", but for US 12 the telephone number must be prefixed with "011".

1.5 This means that for a given consignment, the shipper may have to show the same telephone twice or even three times each time preceded by a different international access code to comply with the applicable State variations.

1.6 The accepted convention when indicating an international telephone number is to prefix it with the "+" sign, e.g. +44-(0)1224-XXXX-XXXX.

2. **PROPOSAL 1**

2.1 The Panel is asked to reaffirm the decision taken at DGP WG/04 and support the Secretary to request that States with such variations remove the reference to the international access code. The variation should simply require:

“.. a telephone number, including area code and country code, where applicable.”

3. **PROPOSAL 2**

3.1 Alternatively, the Panel may request the DGP's Secretary to standardise presentation of all States Variations requiring the provision of an emergency telephone number not require that the telephone number include the international access code.

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