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Commemoration of the events of 11 September 2001

7.1 On Wednesday, 11 September 2002, the Chairman, before commencing the Order of Business for the day, invited the meeting to observe a minute's silence to pay respects and offer prayers in memory of the victims of the 11 September 2001 tragedy that befell New York City.

Agenda, Date and Site for Fifth Worldwide Air Transport Conference

7.2 The meeting was advised that the ICAO Secretariat has been monitoring developments in the air transport field since the Fourth Worldwide Air Transport Conference in 1994 and that it has developed guidance on emerging regulatory issues that are of general interest to Contracting States. The increasing number of calls by Governments and industry for regulatory reform and the consistent view expressed by many parties that this process should be coordinated at the worldwide level by ICAO led the Council to convene this Fifth Worldwide Air Transport Conference and to select as its theme "challenges and opportunities of liberalization".

7.3 Information materials prepared by the Secretariat discussing the agenda, date, and site of the Conference were distributed to participants and on-going preparations for the Conference were highlighted. Participants were invited to visit the ICAO website to obtain reference materials and working papers as they become available. The meeting's attention was drawn to a seminar on the Conference to be held on 17 October 2002 during the forthcoming 39th Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation of the Asia and Pacific Regions. It was pointed out that this event will provide an opportunity for States to prepare the way for substantive discussions at the Conference and to begin the process of coordinating/harmonizing their inputs.

7.4 The meeting noted the agenda of the Conference. It further noted the regulatory issues that would be addressed and the request to States to consider the ramifications of the Conference in their work programmes.

Global Safety Statistics for Business Aircraft

7.5 The meeting noted that the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) has embarked on a comprehensive study of accident rates of business aviation with a target date of completion of late Autumn 2002. From the preliminary data certain trends may be observed:

- Business Jet Aircraft with professionally qualified crews have global accident rates comparable to commercial airlines
- Business Jet Aircraft taken in total have approximately twice those of the Business Jets with professionally qualified crews
- Business Turbo-propeller aircraft have accident rates that are significantly higher than Business Jets.

7.6 In response to a question from India the representative from IBAC explained that the data was being collated on the basis both of accidents/flight hour and accidents/departure; but that the basis for comparison throughout the presentation was accidents per departure.

The meeting noted the information provided by IBAC.