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Agenda Item 8: Any other business

**REPORT ON 7TH MEETING OF THE NORTH EAST ASIA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
MEETING (NEAT 7)**

(Presented by IFATCA)

Summary

This information paper provides details of the 7th North East Asia Traffic Management Meeting (NEAT 7) which was held in Taipei, on 29 August 2003.

Background

The North East Asia Traffic (NEAT) Management Meetings are organised by IFATCA to address issues specific to North East Asia airspace. The meetings are attended by ATS providers and IFATCA Member Associations representing the operational ATC staff. Although it is not a common practice for IFATCA to initiate meetings on specific issues within an individual region, the NEAT Meetings have proven to be a useful forum for assisting ICAO in resolving operational matters.

Discussion

At the ATS/AIS/SAR SG13, IATA commented on the longitudinal spacing applied to traffic departing Hong Kong and Taipei which route via Tokyo for North American destinations. IATA requested the meeting to examine ways by which the airspace capacity could be enhanced.

IFATCA organised NEAT Meeting 7 in Taipei on 29 August 2003 with representatives from Hong Kong, Taipei and Tokyo. The outcome of the meeting was a reduction in the longitudinal separation minima for aircraft departing Hong Kong and the revision of the Hong Kong/Taipei LOA to standardise the separation minima on this route.

It is planned to hold NEAT Meeting 8 in September 2004 and amongst the items to be discussed will be :

- a) issues associated with the implementation of RVSM in the North East Asia area;
- b) co-ordination at the boundary of South China Sea RVSM airspace due to differences in the respective Flight Level Orientation Systems;
- c) the transfer of radar control and the disparity of en-route radar separation.

Recommendation

The meeting is invited to note the work undertaken by the NEAT Meetings.

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