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Agenda Item 5: Aspects of implementation in Asia/Pacific region

Airline Readiness

(Presented by IATA)

SUMMARY

This paper provides a summary of airline preparations for the new ICAO FPL Format Asia Pacific.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The forthcoming change to the ICAO FPL & ATM Messaging format requires considerable effort from both ANSPs and airspace users.
- 1.2 A cornerstone of the IATA position since the FPL TF was established is that airlines will only file in the new format after 15 Nov 2012.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 From an airline perspective, Flight Planning systems are often vendor solutions with only a limited number of global vendors. However necessary changes/ upgrades still need to be “rolled out” globally.
- 2.2 IATA has recently undertaken another survey of airlines operating within Asia Pacific to confirm the status of preparations of operators.
- 2.3 The survey was conducted in April/ May 2011 and focused all major airlines operating across international borders within Asia Pacific (include non-members).
- 2.4 A summary of results is as follows:
 - Asia Pacific Based Airlines**
 - 38 Respondents
 - 36 Confirmed readiness with 2 Unsure (awaiting vendor solution)
 - Operational readiness date: 9 2011/ 8 mid 2012/ 4 Q3 3012
 - 15 airlines are yet to finalise target date but expected 1H2012
 - All confirmed readiness to support some testing
- 2.5 The survey also queried airline members from outside the Asia Pacific region who operated significantly within this region. All confirmed their readiness and support for State testing.

2.6 With transition plans being finalised globally, IATA will continue to work with airlines and States.

3. **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained within this paper
