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SAFETY OF AIRPORTS

(Presented by the Airports Council International (ACI))

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACI is launching a safety programme entitled Airport Excellence (APEX) in Safety. The programme will be built upon four key pillars:

- a) Standards;
- b) Training;
- c) Safety Self-Assessment Programme; and
- d) Audits.

ACI will work collaboratively with ICAO on the runway safety programme and will adopt a regional approach to improving safety in aerodromes.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objective A.
<i>References:</i>	A37-WP/68

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Safety is the number one priority of all stakeholders in the civil aviation industry. For the Airports Council International (ACI), the plethora of activities related to safety, from the production of manuals, participation in ICAO panels, working groups, observer status on the Air Navigation Commission to the training activities undertaken, all testify to this fact. However, as our members continue to experience increases in traffic, complex operational realities and a heightened awareness of safety issues by the travelling public, we recognize the need to do more to ensure that the number of both fatal and non-fatal accidents involving aerodromes, and the incidents that ultimately result in those accidents are reduced.

1.2 ACI's new safety strategy will ensure that the traditional will be replaced by the modern, the reactive by the proactive and the one size fits all by the risk-based, performance-based approach – all in all a new way of doing business to achieve greater results. ACI's safety strategy will transform its approach to assisting its members to operate at the safest possible levels. As the Voice of the World's Airports, ACI has credibility and leadership and is uniquely positioned to focus on the activities of the airport operator that contribute to safety.

2. MEASURES TO BE TAKEN

2.1 ACI is launching a safety programme entitled Airport Excellence (APEX) in Safety. The programme will be built upon four key pillars:

- a) Standards;
- b) Training;
- c) Safety Self-Assessment Programme; and
- d) Audits.

2.2 ACI will introduce a programme of coordinated action that addresses safety concerns today and prepares our members to respond in a systematic and risk-managed way to future events. Working in conjunction with ICAO and industry partners to ensure a collaborative approach, APEX will provide an operator with the appropriate knowledge from regulatory standards to best practice, training and the ability to self-audit. Its aim is to build capacity, introduce a management systems approach to airport safety and ultimately to enhance safety globally through incremental improvements.

2.3 The programme, based on sound management principles, enables members to measure their own performance absolutely and strive for a strategic and integrated approach to safety management that enables continual improvement in all aspects of operational safety. This approach enables members to identify and rectify deficiencies, manage safety risks, mitigate the operational and safety impact of incidents and accidents and build capacity for the future.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 Due to the global and complex nature of the aviation industry, safety at aerodromes does not fall solely within the responsibility of one stakeholder or entity. In reality only a comprehensive, coordinated and collaborative approach will bring about the results that are envisaged.

3.2 ACI will work collaboratively with ICAO on the runway safety programme as outlined in A37-WP/68 as well as the Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) and Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and welcomes ICAO's initiative of launching the Global Runway Safety Symposium in 2011.