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**The Third Meeting of the Air Traffic Flow Management Task Force
(ATFM/TF/3)**

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Agenda Item 9: Any other business

UPDATE ON THE FAA DYNAMIC OCEAN TRACK SYSTEM PLUS (DOTS+)

(Presented by Australia on behalf of the United States)

SUMMARY

The FAA DOTS+ system continues to be enhanced on a regular basis, and remains an available option for ATFM purposes in the Bay of Bengal.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The FAA's DOTS+ team has completed three major DOTS+ software builds in the last eight months. A fourth update is nearly complete and should be available for operational use by October 2005. These updates include numerous enhancements to the DOTS+ human machine interface, weather data processing, Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunication Network messaging, system security, track generation, and a major increase in the number of adaptable sectors, fixes and airways allowed in the system.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The FAA supports the ongoing efforts by the Bay of Bengal ATFM Task Force to identify the most expeditious and effective tools to create greater efficiency over the Bay of Bengal and through the Kabul Flight Information Region. The DOTS+ system is adaptable for this purpose, and can be readily modified to meet the unique needs of the region through a proven and established software enhancement process.

2.2 The FAA remains interested in the collaborative process that the ATFM Task Force has initiated for the Bay of Bengal. The meeting is asked to consider the FAA as a partner in its efforts to improve regional and, by extension, global air traffic efficiency.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information in this paper.

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