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Agenda Item 6: Review of significant developments related to air navigation

**PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION
ON A GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR AVIATION SAFETY**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This information paper provides a brief summary of a proposal to convene a conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation early in 2006.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Although the global aviation system continues to be fundamentally safe, a series of major aircraft accidents have taken place this year, through the months of August and September, and have claimed almost 500 lives. These recent accidents may undermine the public's confidence in the safety of air transport systems. It is incumbent upon ICAO to demonstrate leadership in a global effort to eliminate remaining systemic deficiencies.

1.2 To this end, ICAO will consider convening a conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation on 8 and 9 February 2006, in order to chart a course of action for successfully meeting this challenge. It is envisaged that this proposal will follow the approach that was successfully used in 1997, which led to the establishment of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP).

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The proposed conference would bring together Directors General of Civil Aviation for the purpose of building consensus on improving aviation safety through coordinated action by all Contracting States, ICAO and the aviation industry. The conference would provide Directors General with an opportunity to review and assess the effectiveness of the measures currently in place and to develop new measures for improving aviation safety worldwide. It is envisaged that the conference will secure a worldwide commitment to a single, global aviation safety strategy.

2.2 The proposed two-day conference would review the status of aviation safety today and address the means to foster a safety culture and to better manage safety, as well as the possible need to update the current framework for safety. The conference would address safety management at global, regional and State levels as well as in the various segments of the aviation industry. Furthermore, it would address transparency of safety information and safety oversight partnerships.

2.3 The ICAO Council will consider the Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation during the first meeting of its 176th Session on 3 October 2005. States will be informed accordingly.

3. **ACTION BY APIRG**

3.1 The meeting is invited to note ICAO's proposed convening of a conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation on 8 and 9 February 2006.

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