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Agenda Item- 3.4: Air Traffic Management-

CIVIL/MILITARY COOPERATION – IN SUPPORT OF OPTIMUM AIRSPACE USE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the outcome of the Global Air Traffic Management Forum on Civil/Military Cooperation held in Montréal from 19 to 21 October 2009 and outlines the next steps.

Action by APIRG/17 is contained in paragraph 4.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Global Air Traffic Management Forum on Civil/Military Cooperation was held in Montréal from 19 to 21 October 2009 in partnership with the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (EUROCONTROL), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and supported by the Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) and UVS International.

1.2 More than 400 participants attended the Forum to discuss subjects aimed at fostering and promoting improved civil/military cooperation and coordination and in support of optimum use of airspace by all users so as to effectively meet operational requirements of transportation, national defence and environmental sustainability.

1.3 The Forum emphasized that a flexible and efficient use of the airspace for both civil and military operations would provide benefits in terms of more efficient aircraft operations and improvement of the environment. One of the key conditions for increasing the effective use of available airspace, while maintaining safety and security, was a commitment from both civil and military authorities to improve cooperation and coordination. Good relations and trust were essential elements in this respect.

2. OUTCOMES OF THE FORUM

2.1 Much progress has been achieved in most of the ICAO regions in the management of the airspace and in civil/military cooperation. It was recognized, however, that improvements are required with regard to cooperation between civil and military authorities as well as air navigation service providers. Military representatives should participate on a routine

basis in ICAO meetings, seminars and other related events as part of their State delegations in order to promote and foster cooperation.

2.2 The results of the Forum are summarized as follows:

- b) peace and stability are essential preconditions for social and economic development;
- c) mutual trust and confidence are principle requirements for collaboration between civil and military authorities;
- d) safety, security and efficiency are common civil and military values;
- e) efficiency for civil aviation signifies increased capacity, fewer delays, reduction of cost, fuel burn and emissions;
- f) civil/military cooperation is essential at national, regional and international levels;
- g) airspace is a continuum and a common limited resource for all civil and military users;
- h) wide awareness and application of flexible use of airspace principles form a good common basis for global civil/military ATM coordination;
- i) civil/military interoperability is essential to optimize safe and efficient use of airspace for all users. Interoperability gaps must be duly addressed by the aviation community as a whole;
- j) a comprehensive global civil/military approach to security and to incident management is needed. The approach taken should build on existing positive experiences which have a potential for further improvement; and
- k) successful collaboration requires: communication, education, a shared relationship and trust.

2.3 The *Convention on International Civil Aviation*, signed in Chicago on 7 December 1944 (Doc 7300), applies only to civil aircraft and shall not be applicable to State aircraft (Article 3a) refers). ICAO can however play a pivotal role in improving the level of cooperation and coordination between civil and military authorities and should serve as the international facilitating platform. ICAO can also use its global and regional framework to bring civil and military authorities together, raise the awareness of the States in relation to the benefits of civil/military cooperation and coordination, and facilitate the use of existing arrangements wherever possible.

3. NEXT STEPS IN CIVIL/MILITARY COOPERATION

3.1 The Forum suggested that ICAO, States, civil and military authorities, international organizations and partners of the Forum should work together for their mutual benefit, and progress the following next steps:

- a) use ICAO as an open forum for civil/military cooperation, collaboration and the sharing of best practices;
- b) develop an ICAO manual on civil/military cooperation;
- c) work together toward ensuring the safe and efficient integration of unmanned aircraft systems into non-segregated airspace;
- d) work together on ATM security issues;
- e) address civil/military cooperation at the 37th Session of the ICAO Assembly to ensure the momentum gained at the Forum is strengthened at high levels within States' administrations and international organizations and that an amendment be proposed to Assembly Resolution A36-13, Appendix O, *Cooperation and coordination of civil and military air traffic*, (A37-WP/xx refers) aimed at strengthening States' commitment to enhancing cooperation between civil and military authorities;
- f) ICAO Regional Directors to promote civil and military cooperation through the planning and implementation regional groups (PIRGs) and all civil military cooperation partners to collaborate in supporting regional civil/military events; and
- g) ICAO to convene, together with its partners, a second global forum at an appropriate time, to measure progress in civil/military cooperation.

4. ACTION BY APIRG/17

4.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the global developments in enhancing civil/military cooperation; and
- b) urge States working with air navigation service providers and their militaries, to take action to establish political will, develop institutional arrangements, set performance objectives, formulate practical and operational measures so to enhance civil/military cooperation in optimizing safe and efficient use of airspace for all users.