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Agenda Item 9: TECHNICAL COOPERATION

9.2 INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FACILITY FOR AVIATION SAFETY (IFFAS)

(Presented by the ICAO Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents information on IFFAS together with recent developments and future activity envisioned for the Facility.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At its 167th Session, the Council established, by resolution, the International Financial Facility for Aviation Safety (IFFAS), and approved the Administrative Charter of IFFAS. The Council also adopted a Resolution relating to transitional arrangements for IFFAS which, *inter alia*, requires the Secretary General to perform certain responsibilities under the Charter during the transitional period for the implementation of IFFAS in a timely and effective manner.

1.2 The Transitional Rules provide that they shall govern and control all matters and actions pertaining to IFFAS until the Governing Body has been established and its members appointed. The Transitional Rules also provide that, at all events, in the absence of a decision of the Council to the contrary, the Transitional Rules shall cease to apply as from 13 June 2003.

2. NATURE OF IFFAS

2.1 IFFAS is a not for profit fund, embodying a mechanism to provide financial assistance for safety-related projects for which States cannot otherwise provide or obtain the necessary financial resources. The principal area of application of assistance is to remedy or mitigate safety-related deficiencies identified through the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) as an element of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP).

2.2 IFFAS will be administered by a Governing Body established by the Council of ICAO and operating in accordance with principles contained in the Administrative Charter. The Governing Body will be supported by staff provided by the Secretary General of ICAO upon request and on a full cost recovery basis.

2.3 IFFAS will operate within the existing ICAO legal regime, and in accordance with the Administrative Charter and the principles of Assembly Resolution A33-10 (*Establishment of an International Financial Facility for Aviation Safety*), having regard to the applicable laws of Contracting States.

2.4 IFFAS will operate with complete independence from ICAO's Regular Budget, deriving its resources from voluntary contributions made by ICAO Contracting States, international organizations (public and private) working in the field of international aviation or associated with it, airlines, airports, air navigation services providers, manufacturers of airframes, engines, avionics and other aircraft components, other members of the aerospace industry, and civil society.

2.5 The operation of IFFAS will be carried out in such a manner as to ensure proper, effective, transparent and efficient application of funds. Criteria for the provision of financial assistance shall be clear and consistent with good accounting practice, and shall be published.

3. PARTICIPATION

3.1 Participation in IFFAS is open to all Contracting States and other participating parties as referred to in 2.4 above. In the case of Contracting States, they may be contributors providing voluntary contributions or possible beneficiaries of IFFAS. In the case of other participating parties, they will be contributors but will not be eligible to receive benefits of funding through the IFFAS Mechanism.

3.2 As at 20 March 2003, eight Contracting States had indicated their nominations to the Governing Body.

4. CURRENT AND FUTURE WORK

4.1 Under the Transitional Rules, the Secretary General has already commenced work on preliminary determination and identification of rules and procedures for the initial activities of the Governing Body and the preparation of a Compendium which will identify the various functions involved in the implementation of the IFFAS Mechanism; legal principles; and other rules and practices that may assist the Governing Body in administering IFFAS. A sustained promotional programme regarding IFFAS aimed at encouraging Contracting States and other participating parties, both from the public and private sector, to contribute to IFFAS, has also been activated.

4.2 Once the Governing Body is appointed and IFFAS becomes fully operational, the financial mechanism of IFFAS will be ready to be implemented along the lines prescribed in the Administrative Charter.