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Fourth ATN Transition Task Force Meeting

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Agenda Item 3: Review ATN Technical Documents and Transition Issues

ICAO ATN PANEL POLICY ON TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS PREPARATION

(Presented by the United States)

Summary

This paper provides information on a significant outcome of the 33rd Session of the ICAO Assembly. It addresses the adoption of the updated consolidated statement of ICAO continuing policy and associated practices related to air navigation, Assembly Resolution A33-14.

1. Introduction

During the ATN Panel Working Groups meetings held in Phuket, Thailand, 12-22 March 2002, the Panel Secretary provided an update of recent developments in ICAO that are relevant to the work of the ATNP. This report addressed activities since the last round of group meetings in Hawaii, USA in March 2001.

2. Discussion

2.1 Of particular importance to this group is the status of the detailed technical specifications (DOC 9705). The final version of the Third Edition of DOC 9705-*Manual of Technical Provisions for the ATN* has been prepared and posted on the ATNP website. There were substantial editorial and formatting problems but the final result is a correct and well-presented document. The ICAO Secretariat is currently looking into publishing this document in the form of CD-ROM only.

2.2 During the 33rd Session of ICAO Assembly held in Montreal from 25 September to 5 October 2001, the assembly adopted an *updated consolidated statement of ICAO continuing policy and associated practices related to air navigation*. The resulting resolution states that: SARPS and PANS shall be drafted in clear, simple and concise language. For complex aeronautical systems, SARPS shall consist mainly of broad, mature and stable provisions specifying system-level, functional and performance requirements. For such systems, any necessary technical specifications shall be appendices to Annexes or be place in separate documents. The point of this resolution should be borne in mind by all panels and study groups who develop or amend SARPs.

3. Action by the Meeting

The approach taken by the ATN Panel will result in more technical details required at the regional level to accomplish its plan to implement ATN service.