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- Agenda Item 10: Review:**
- a) implementation of the ISCS and SADIS**
 - b) transition to the final phase of WAFS**
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ISCS INTERNET WEB SITE

(Presented by the United States)

Summary

This paper provides the Internet web address at which interested persons may obtain information on the status of the International Satellite Communications System (ISCS)

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The International Satellite Communications System (ISCS) is composed of two systems for data delivery via satellite communications. The first system, broadcasting on channels 1 through 3, is the World Area Forecast System (WAFS), while the second, broadcasting on channels 4 through 6, is used to broadcast World Meteorological Organization (WMO) required information. The second system replaced Caribbean and Central America land line systems for dissemination and collection of data in WMO Region IV. The ISCS uses commercial satellites C INTELSAT VI to broadcast to the Americas (referred to as ISCS1, or the Atlantic Ocean Area [AOR]), and INTELSAT V to broadcast over the Pacific and eastern Asia (referred to as ISCS2, or the Pacific Ocean Area [POR]). At past meetings the U.S. has presented tables showing the status of ISCS in both the AOR and POR. These tables, as well as other information on ISCS, and the World Area Forecast System in general are now available on the Internet. This paper provides the Internet address to the ISCS web page, and directions to find the specific information reported at previous meetings.

2. ISCS INTERNET SITE

2.1 The Internet site for ISCS is: <http://www.new.noaa.gov/iscs>

2.2 This site provides information on ISCS, and links to the National Weather Service International Activities Office, and SADIS. Once on the web site, to see the information on the operational status of States and other users approved to receive ISCS, click on: <description> then <world area forecast system>. and in the third paragraph click on <to view the status in the Atlantic Ocean Area, click here>

and <to view the status in the Pacific Ocean Area, click here>. To review the types and quantities of data broadcast click on <International Satellite Communications System, ISCS> in the second paragraph.

2.3 To see other ISCS and WAFS, and to explore other aviation meteorological information, from the initial web page click <links> then <links for ISCS World Area Forecast System(WAFS)>. For example, by clicking on the square for the AWashington VAAC@ or AAnchorage VAAC@ you can review any current volcanic ash advisory statements. For those interested in looking at work being done to provide graphical information to pilots in the United States, click on, and explore the square marked AAviation Digital Data Service Weather Page@

3. CONCLUSION

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