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Agenda Item 2: WATRS Plus Airspace Redesign Issues

STATUS OF ROUTE STRUCTURE REDESIGN & PUBLICATION

(Presented by the United States)

SUMMARY

This WP provides an update on the status of the route structure redesign tasks necessary to complete the redesign plan of the WATRS Plus project.

1. Introduction

1.1 The WATRS Plus Implementation Task List is provided in Working Paper 04. Section III of the Task List is “Route Structure Redesign & Publication”. The following is intended to provide an update on the status of tasks listed in Section III.

2. Route Structure Redesign Tasks.

2.1.1 **Coordination Meetings.** The Task List and Route Structure Redesign will be discussed in detail under Agenda Item 2. A third meeting of the NAT/CAT ATS Routes WG is planned for 13-15 November 2007 to finalize any redesign or policy issues in preparation for the planned 5 June 2008 implementation of the WATRS Plus project.

2.1.2 **Current Route Structure Redesign Chart.** Draft Redesign Chart NACG-02 is at Appendix B of the WP entitled “WATRS Plus Route Structure Redesign and Lateral Separation Reduction – Planning and Policies”. This chart provides a current representation of the proposed routes. The U.S. is in the process of validating routes and fix coordinates with the FAA National Aeronautical Charting Organization. The redesign chart will be updated and distributed as this effort progresses.

2.1.3 **Route and Fix Naming.** The U.S. is coordinating with the ICAO North American, Central American and Caribbean Office (NACC) to name new WATRS Plus routes and fixes in accordance with ICAO policy. NACC has provided the U.S. with lists of available fix and route names.

2.1.4 **Anchor Points for Q and R Routes in the Santo Domingo FIR.** The civil aviation authorities of the Dominican Republic have designated BETIR as the anchor point for proposed route Q and ANTEX for proposed route R.

2.1.5 **Special Use Airspace (SUA) Issues.** The U.S. Department of Defense has agreed to allow traffic on proposed routes Q and R to transit the SUA located to the northeast of Puerto Rico. Route charting issues regarding this SUA continue to be discussed.

2.1.6 **WATRS Plus Fixes and Routes and CAR/SAM Air Navigation Plan (ANP) Revision.** The U.S. plans to coordinate and finalize WATRS Plus routes and fixes for incorporation into the CAR/SAM ANP by early July 2007. The U.S. will forward the information to ICAO NACC in August 2007 for regional coordination.

2.1.7 **Publication and Distribution of Final Route Redesign Charts and Navigation Databases.** The U.S. is working with the FAA National Flight Data Center and other appropriate FAA offices to disseminate all aeronautical information in the first quarter of 2008.

3. Actions

3.1 The group is invited to review the status of work, provide suggestions and comments on the planned tasks and schedule and support progression of redesign work as scheduled.

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