

ELEVENTH AIR NAVIGATION CONFERENCE

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Agenda Item 2 Safety and security in air traffic management : (ATM)

ADDENDUM TO DRAFT REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 2

(Presented by the Secretariat)

Add the following new paragraphs after paragraph 2.4.7 as follows:

2.4.8 The attention of the meeting was drawn to a related problem concerning notification and publication of differences between national regulations and practices and ICAO SARPs and Procedures. Safety oversight by the safety regulatory authority would identify non-compliance by an ATS service provider with regulations and practices of the State. However, it was recognized that there were a significant number of instances of State regulations and practices being different from those specified in ICAO SARPs and PANS.

2.4.9 The meeting noted the requirements of Article 38 of the Convention concerning notification of differences to ICAO, and the requirements of Annex 15 concerning publication of differences. The meeting was informed that the existence of differences which had not been notified to ICAO or published in national AIPs was considered to be a significant safety issue by pilots operating internationally. It was recognized that the introduction of provisions requiring mandatory notification of differences for other than Standards would require an amendment to the Convention. However, the existing Standard in Annex 15 concerning this did require States to publish, in their AIPs, significant differences between national regulations and practices, and ICAO Standards, Recommended Practices and Procedures.

2.4.10 The meeting noted that a truly seamless operational environment, as envisaged in the ATM operational concept, would require that phraseologies and operating procedures did not change when crossing boundaries. Thus, while publication of differences would contribute to safety by raising pilot awareness of the differences, the long term aim should be to achieve standardization.

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