

ELEVENTH AIR NAVIGATION CONFERENCE

Montreal, 22 September to 3 October 2003

Agenda Item 4: Capacity-enhancement measures

4.2 Regional measures :

OVERVIEW ON THE DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE PREPARATIONS OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES “ATHENS 2004”

(Presented by Greece)

SUMMARY

This paper brings to the attention of the conference matters that concern the preparation activities for performing successful Olympic Games in Summer 2004.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority is a separate body, Department of the Ministry of Transport and Communications having the responsibility for the organization, development and air transport policy in Greece. Controls and operates 39 Civil Airports serving more than 30 million passengers per year.

1.2 The Hellenic ATC system is a sophisticated environment utilizing processed radar and flight plan data. This integrated system is of state-of-art technology performing all necessary functions of modern ATM, providing full double and triple radar coverage and relevant services in Athinai FIR (consisting of two ACCs and five major TMAs) in line with the standards set up by ICAO and Eurocontrol.

1.3 The successful outcome of the Summer Olympic Games 2004 concerning the air navigation matters, referring especially on safety, security and capacity, tends to be the objective not only of Greece but of the south-eastern Mediterranean region as well.

1.4 In this framework the ICAO Regional Office in Paris had the initiative to organize special meetings with the participation of the regional countries, IATA, IACA and EUROCONTROL, for the preparation of the Olympic Games 2004.

1.5 The main issues of those meetings were:

- a) overview of the current situation, on-going and future preparatory activities;
- b) expected traffic demands versus capacity during the event;
- c) airports aspects:
 - 1) capacity;
 - 2) security;
 - 3) facilitations
- d) airspace organization and traffic management; and
- e) development of an “Action Plan”.

1.6 Four meetings have been held so far with very good results, that were made possible due to the excellent cooperative spirit showed by all participants and the extensive preparatory work done by ICAO, IATA, Eurocontrol and the States concerned.

1.7 Especially the significant step forward has to be noted, which was taken in order to improve and normalize the ATS route network in the South East European area allowing the optimization of the airspace organization and sectorization resulting capacity, safety and security enhancement.

2. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

2.1 The conference is invited to note the information contained in this paper.

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