

ELEVENTH AIR NAVIGATION CONFERENCE

Montreal, 22 September to 3 October 2003

Agenda Item 6 Aeronautical navigation : issues

ENDORSEMENT OF APIRG/14 PROPOSAL TO EXTEND CNS/ATM TIME FRAME

(Presented by Uganda)

SUMMARY

Uganda attended APIRG/14 at which, among other things, it was noted that the absence of SARPs was hindering development of CNS/ATM. It was concluded that the CNS/ATM implementation period be extended by five years.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The slow progress in the development of Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) for communications, navigation, and surveillance (CNS) systems will make difficult to meet the planned timing of CNS implementation. This paper endorses the Fourteenth Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/14) position of period extension. In addition the paper announces the CNS/ATM master plan development in Uganda.

2. PARTICULARS

2.1 Uganda has noted the slow progress in the development of SARPs that are essential for the establishment of an air navigation infrastructure commensurate with the much desired efficient and high capacity ATM systems. More delays are anticipated. As such, Uganda endorses the position reached at APIRG/14 that the transitional period for CNS/ATM implementation should be extended for a period of five years, that is from 2010 and 2015.

2.2 As a way forward, Uganda is developing a master plan for CNS/ATM implementation. This plan, which is expected to be out by December 2003 will take into account the most recent developments globally and the AFI region in particular. The process of short-listing consultancy firm for the purpose has been completed. Tender invitation will soon be extended to the short-listed firms.

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