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**Agenda Item 2: Revision of Deficiencies Appendices A, B, C and D**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This working paper provides information concerning the “U” (urgent) type deficiencies with respective actions that have (or not) been taken into consideration. It also points out the need of complementary actions to foster the resolution/mitigation of the deficiencies and application of the *last resort action* as well as better coordination/interaction between States and Regional Offices concerning the GREPECAS Air Navigation Deficiencies Data Base (GANDD).

**1. Introduction**

1.1 As in the previous ASB Meetings, ASB/7 will go through a laborious and time-consuming effort to analyze the deficiencies presented in the four different Appendices listed in paragraph 2.1 of this working paper. The Meeting will review the current deficiencies and the additional deficiencies presented by the Regional Offices, GREPECAS contributory bodies and the user community, as well as the corrected deficiencies.

1.2 The ICAO Council and the Air Navigation Commission continue to express their concern regarding the great number of regional deficiencies, particularly those related to the maintenance of the air navigation facilities. It is worthwhile to recall GREPECAS Conclusion 13/92 and ALLPIRG Conclusion 5/15, which establish the *last resort action* as a mechanism to be used by ICAO to resolve the air navigation deficiencies. This aspect will be discussed later on in this working paper.

**2. Discussion**

2.1 Based on the ICAO Council Uniform Methodology for the Identification, Assessment and Reporting of Air Navigation Deficiencies, ASB has categorized the “U” type deficiencies in the Appendices A, B, C and D, as follows:

**Appendix A** Specific Deficiencies

**Appendix B** Deficiencies upon which ASB found Requirement for Region Wide Action

**Appendix C** Corrected Deficiencies**Appendix D** Action Plan for Resolving Regional Air Navigation Deficiencies

2.2 It has been observed that **Appendix A** reports some “U” type deficiencies repeatedly during several years. By definition, this type of deficiency directly affects safety and it must require urgent action/solution. Based on that, the Meeting is invited to revise the priority given to these specific cases.

2.3 AGA 139S and AIS 309S are the only two deficiencies that appear in **Appendix B**. As stated before, these are region-wide deficiencies. Some States/Territories have already taken actions for eliminating/mitigating these deficiencies. In addition, GREPECAS Conclusion 13/90 considered that a Special Implementation Project (SIP) on aerodrome maintenance would be part of the solution to AGA deficiency 139S. A seminar on pavement rehabilitation, a workshop on the new FAA methods for overlay design and a short course on maintenance of visual aids for navigation will be carried out under this SIP in November 2007. Furthermore, the Meeting could consider the possibility to transfer these deficiencies to the responsibility of each State/Territory. As being so, the following draft Decision is formulated:

**DRAFT DECISION 14/XX - DEFICIENCIES THAT REQUIRE WIDE REGIONAL ACTION**

That,

- a) GREPECAS considers the “U” type deficiencies presented in Appendix B as specific deficiencies of each State/Territory;
- b) Appendix B should be deleted from the categorization of the Appendices defined by ASB; and,
- c) ASB may consider only the following categorization:

**Appendix A** Specific Deficiencies

**Appendix B** Corrected Deficiencies

**Appendix C** Action Plan for resolving Regional Air Navigation Deficiencies.

2.4 Some problems are observed regarding the way the **Appendix C** is managed. It should be recalled that the last information on this appendix should be the word “CORRECTED”. In order to allow better history of the deficiency, all the letters (correspondences) presented by the respective State/Territory should appear in this Appendix.

2.5 Regarding **Appendix D**, States/Territories should be urged to present the Action Plans, with scheduled date, to correct their respective deficiencies, as it was required by GREPECAS Conclusion 13/90 to have been reported no later than 30 June 2006.

2.6 It is recognized that most of the problems above-mentioned can be solved through a better coordination/interaction between States/Territories and their respective Regional Offices. The GREPECAS Air Navigation Deficiencies Data Base (GANDD) is the best tool to improve this coordination/interaction. The Meeting is invited to consider the feasibility to require the States/Territories to indicate focal points to manage the GANDD. Furthermore, the following Draft Conclusion is formulated:

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**CONCLUSION 14/XX - NOMINATION OF DEFICIENCIES FOLLOW-UP FOCAL POINTS**

That,

- a) GREPECAS, through the ICAO Regional Offices, urge the States/Territories to indicate their respective Focal Points to update the GREPECAS Air Navigation Deficiencies Data Base (GANDD); and,
- b) This information, including name of Focal Point, e-mail address, phone, fax, etc., should be sent to the ICAO Regional Offices **no later** than 31 May 2007.

2.7 According to the GREPECAS Conclusion 13/92, the *last resort action* concept should be applied after 31 December 2007. In this sense, the WP/05 presented to this Meeting shows, in its Appendix A, the ALLPIRG Conclusion 5/15 that also makes reference to the *last resort action*, as a mechanism to be applied by ICAO. As being so, ASB is invited to analyze the Appendices A, B and D to this working paper and delineate some guidelines to be applied to those “U” type deficiencies that will not be resolved before 31 December 2007.

3. **Suggested Action**

3.1 The Meeting is invited to review this working paper mainly in the following aspects:

- a) revision of Appendixes A, B, C and D;
- b) consideration of the proposals of the Draft Decision and Draft Conclusion suggested in this WP;
- c) formulation of guidelines for the application of the *last resort action* concept to those “U” type deficiencies that will not be resolved until 31 December 2007; and,
- d) recommendation of other actions to improve the resolution/mitigation of the “U” type deficiencies.

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