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Foreword

This Circular presents information on the economic, organizational and regulatory status of airports and air navigation service providers in the year 2000. It is based on a survey of Contracting States (State Letter SR 167/1 of 6 August 1999) conducted prior to the Conference on the Economics of Airports and Air Navigation Services (ANSCConf 2000, Montreal, 19 to 28 June 2000). The survey questionnaire sent to Contracting States is reproduced in Attachment A.

The information developed from the results of that survey was presented to the Conference as background material for the discussions on a number of Agenda items.

The present Circular reproduces that material in a standardized format and incorporates additional information received from Contracting States as of June 2000, subsequent to the preparation of the Conference papers.

While the number of States responding to the survey amounts to only about half of the Contracting States of ICAO, these States represent, in aggregate, 90 per cent of world traffic expressed in total tonne-kilometres performed in 1999 in scheduled services. Consequently, the status and trends indicated in this Circular may be regarded as providing a reasonably accurate global picture of aviation infrastructure and how it is developing.

Previous surveys have been used as background material for similar Conferences in the past. To the extent that the information presented to the 1991 Conference (Conference on Airport and Route Facility Management) is comparable with the information in this Circular, relevant trends analysis has been incorporated.

Unless indicated otherwise, all references in this circular to “cents” mean “U.S. cents”, and all references to “dollars” mean “U.S. dollars”.

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