

International Civil Aviation Organization

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Agenda Item 4&5: ATS Routing and Flight Level Restriction

ATS Routes and restrictions

(Presented by the Secretariat)

The purpose of this working paper is to address the issues of route restrictions, and to align them where possible.

This paper relates to -

Strategic Objectives:

- A: Safety Enhance global civil aviation safety
- C: Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport – Foster harmonized and economically viable development of international civil aviation that does not unduly harm the environment

Global Plan Initiatives:

- GPI-1 Flexible use of airspace
- GPI-3 Harmonization of level systems
- GPI-6 Air traffic flow management

1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Many of the current routes used for international flights have restrictions on availability in terms of levels or duration. In some cases the opening and closure of the routes do not match from one FIR to the other.

2. **DISCUSSION**

2.1 The states concerned are requested to review the restrictions on the availability of these international routes and to align them where possible. Restrictions to flight level availability also reduce the route capacity at critical times when the traffic volumes are high and should be reviewed.

2.2 The restrictions/ together with communications and other ATM issues are contained in the attachment to this paper.

3. **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Review the restrictions imposed.
- b) Review the ATM and communications issues
- c) Note the information and discuss any relevant issue.

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