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DRAFT TEXT FOR THE REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 48

The attached material on Agenda Item 48 is submitted for consideration by the Economic Commission.

Agenda Item 48: Budgets for 2011, 2012 and 2013

48.1 The Economic Commission, at its first meeting, considered the relevant sections of the Programme Budget for 2011 to 2013.

48.2 The Commission noted that the Budget has a results-based nature. Of direct relevance to the work of the Commission were Programme 21 on Facilitation and Programme 23 on Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTD) and identity management, both of which are under Strategic Objective B – Security; Programme 32 on Revenue generating self-funding activities; Programme 33 on Enhanced transparency of aviation policies; Programme 34 on Statistics; Programme 35 on Sustainable air transport; and Programme 36 on Airport/ANS cost-effectiveness; all of which are under Strategic Objective C – Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport. The Commission was reminded that discussion might touch on the other programmes under Strategic Objectives B and C.

48.3 With respect to Strategic Objective B, the Commission noted that in light of the regular programme budget constraints, MRTD-related events and products would become revenue-generating and cost recovery activities of the Organization.

48.4 With respect to Strategic Objective C, the Commission noted that there were resource constraints associated with Programmes 33 to 36 (i.e. sustainable development of air transport) as a result of the shifting priorities of the Organization. It was determined that the level of resources allocated to activities related to statistics, forecasting and economic analysis would necessitate the adoption of a cost-recovery, revenue-generating approach.