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Agenda Item 23: Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to communications, navigation, and surveillance/air traffic management (CNS/ATM) systems

MULTINATIONAL INTEGRATION AND COOPERATION

(Presented by the Republic of Colombia)

SUMMARY

This working paper seeks to draw the attention of the Assembly to the importance of strengthening multinational integration and cooperation in the aeronautical development of States.

Action by the Assembly is in paragraph 2.

1. DISCUSSION

1.1 Multinational agreements and particularly binational agreements are presented most of the time as expeditious mechanisms for the joint achievement of common objectives. Similarly, such agreements foster greater integration among States by promoting the strengthening of relations which orientate multinational facilities and services.

1.2 Conclusions that have already been defined in ICAO's international scenarios are strengthened in this way, such as the need to consolidate, where appropriate, individually-developed multinational facilities/services within general systems, and the orientation of existing and future multinational facilities/services to be able to provide multiregional, regional and subregional air navigation services. This includes the development of flight safety, supported by understanding and cooperation among States.

1.3 Similarly, Article 28 of the Chicago Convention observes how States, in their undertakings, may adopt international measures, for the benefit of air navigation aids and the provision of standard systems.

1.4 Thanks to the establishment of binational agreements, specific cases, such as Colombia's VSAT network, have enabled the effective establishment of solutions and improvements to AFS communications among CAR/SAM States.

1.5 Similarly, in the CAR and SAM Regions, as part of future CNS/ATM systems, additional services and a number of functions may be provided regionally or at least subregionally, by using already existing facilities/services and rendering them multinational so as to ensure their establishment in accordance with the guidance material contained in the CAR/SAM Air Navigation Plan (FASID document).

1.6 This situation is even more acute due to the fact that the new ATM systems supported by CNS/ATM technology require, in certain cases, centralized control. Additionally, functioning in this manner would not only be operationally, technically and financially beneficial, but in certain cases, even necessary.

2. ACTION BY THE ASSEMBLY

2.1 The Assembly is invited to support and reinforce, through the Regional Offices, the definition, establishment, follow-up and support of technical cooperation agreements and multinational projects, as an effective tool in the aeronautical development of States, in order to ensure homogeneity of the systems and services in the ICAO Regions.

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