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**ASSEMBLY — 36TH SESSION**

**TECHNICAL COMMISSION**

**Agenda Item 29: Flight recorders**

**REPORT ON THE WORK ON FLIGHT RECORDERS**

(Presented by the Council of ICAO)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Assembly Resolution A35-16: *Taking due account of the evolution of specifications concerning flight data recording systems* directed the Council to resume work on flight recorders as soon as possible using appropriate means and to report to the next session of the Assembly on the implementation of the resolution.

Since the last Assembly, ICAO has progressed the work on flight recorders through the Flight Recorder Panel (FLIRECP) of the Air Navigation Commission. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of 2007 and that proposed amendments to the flight recorder provisions in the relevant Annexes will become applicable in 2009.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	The information contained in this paper will further Strategic Objective A through the development of specifications of flight data recording systems.
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<i>Financial implications:</i>	No additional resources required.
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<i>References:</i>	Doc 9848, <i>Assembly Resolutions in Force (as of 8 October 2004)</i>
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In 2004, the 35th Session of the Assembly reiterated the importance of flight recorders for flight safety, and recognized the need to amend ICAO provisions for such systems. Assembly Resolution A35-16: *Taking due account of the evolution of specifications concerning flight data recording systems* directed the Council to resume work on flight recorders as soon as possible using appropriate means and to give priority to problems arising from the search for and recovery of these systems, obsolescence, the insufficient number of recorded parameters, and the need to prescribe image recording of the cockpit. Furthermore, the resolution requested the Council to report to the next session of the Assembly on the implementation of the present resolution.

## 2. WORK ON FLIGHT RECORDERS SINCE THE 35TH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

2.1 Work on flight recorders has been progressed by the Air Navigation Commission through its Flight Recorder Panel (FLIRECP). Since 2005, the panel has held two meetings of the Working Group of the Whole and is developing comprehensive recommendations for amendments to provisions related to flight recorders in the relevant ICAO Annexes.

2.2 The recommendations of the FLIRECP should be reviewed by the Air Navigation Commission at the beginning of 2008 and proposed draft amendments to the flight recorder provisions will be transmitted to States for comments. It is envisioned that amendments to the relevant Annexes will become applicable in 2009.

## 3. CONCLUSION

3.1 ICAO has progressed the work on flight recorders through the FLIRECP of the Air Navigation Commission. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by the end of 2007 and that amendments to the flight recorder provisions in the relevant Annexes will become applicable in 2009.