African Flight Procedure Programme

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Agenda Item 4:   Presentation of information paper by Stakeholders

INTRODUCTION OF A NEW AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN ICAO AND FRENCH DGAC

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1. Introduction

1.1   The purpose of this paper is to introduce the technical arrangement signed by ICAO and French DGAC for promulgating PBN and for supporting States through Flight Procedures Programmes.

2. Discussion

2.1   The Assembly resolution A37-11 from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) called "Performance Based Navigation global goals" and the Global Air Navigation Plan from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) set specific goals to the member States in the PBN domain. The Flight Procedure Programmes were created to help and support States to reach these objectives.

As an early supporter, France endorsed these programmes and provided a technical and financial support. Therefore, a suitable training programme was proposed to Beijing and Dakar bureaus including the delivery of procedure design software licenses. Moreover, France has attended FPP steering committees from the launch of the FPPs and is going on sharing experience with member States of these programmes.

The creation of a new programme in the Middle East region, the AFPP and APAC FPP commitments in new phases leaded France to review his partnership with ICAO at a broader level.

A new agreement of cooperation was signed between the French DGAC and ICAO on 12th April 2018. A "Technical Arrangement (TA) regarding the contribution of France to the ICAO programmes for the PBN global deployment" is initially intended for 3 years and renewable. First, it establishes a dedicated steering committee composed by FPP managers, the ICAO PBN program manager and officials from DGAC (French Civil Aviation Authority), from ENAC (French Civil Aviation University) and the representative of France on the Council of ICAO. The steering committee aims to define and schedule, in a coordinated and transverse manner, the annual contribution of France to the Flight Procedure Programme in the world. The first steering

committee happened in Montreal on 11 October 2018. Its draft report contains, in its Annex B, a table listing the needs expressed by the FPP managers. For 2019, France has proposed to respond to the following requests:

- PANS‑OPS Flight Procedure Design comprehensive course at ENAC, Toulouse, France: Three seats are intended to be offered in 2019 by France for trainees coming from States of the FPPs' areas. Travel and life expenses are not included.

- Training on new PBN subjects for one instructor from each FPP will be trained at ENAC in 2019 either for Helicopter PINS or for the RNP AR courses. Travel and life expenses are not included.

- Rights to use the course material developed by ENAC. The addition of the ICAO logo on the material is accepted by ENAC assuming the ENAC logo remains on the document. The three FPPs are allowed to use the ENAC training courses, expecting the signature of the LOA between ENAC and each FPP as legal frame of reference to use the training material.

- GEOTITAN software licenses. Two licenses would be provided by France to the MID FPO assuming the FPP would pay for the maintenance fee due to the lack of maintenance after APAC FPP gave back the two licenses in 2018. AFPP commented that they have never used their 5th licence and ask DGAC for operational charting software instead.

This partnership is a new proof of the excellent level of cooperation between France and ICAO (in PBN domain in that case) and the support for achieving ICAO strategical objectives. Moreover, it's fully in line with the Programme goal for the sustainable development in 2030 and the action "No Country left behind" borne by ICAO to allow member states to reach important socio-economic benefits of a durable air transport.

3. Recommendation

The Steering Committee is invited to note and provide comments as appropriate.

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