

**Twenty First Meeting of the
Informal South Pacific ATS Co-ordinating Group (ISPACG/21)**

Auckland, New Zealand, 6-8 March 2007

Agenda Item 3: Review relevant work since last meeting.

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT 44 TO ANNEX 11

(Presented by the ICAO Asia/Pacific Regional Office)

SUMMARY

This paper presents ICAO State Letter 2006/32 – “Adoption of Amendment 44 to Annex 11”. The Annex 11 amendment includes guidance material on the concept of acceptable level of safety and recommends that that air traffic control units be equipped with devices that record background communication.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 24/03/06, ICAO Headquarters issued State Letter 2006/32 titled “Adoption of Amendment 44 to Annex 11”.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Annex 11 amendment becomes applicable on 23 November 2006 and introduces:

- a) new and revised standards, as well as guidance material on the concept of acceptable level of safety, to harmonize safety management requirements in Annexes 6 - *Operation of Aircraft*, 11 - *Air Traffic Services* and 14 – *Aerodromes*, in response to the need to complement the prevailing approach to the management of safety based upon regulatory compliance with a performance-based approach; and
- b) a recommended practice that air traffic control units be equipped with devices that record background communication and the aural environment at air traffic controller work stations, which may offer additional information to the accident investigation authority.

2.2 A copy of Amendment 44 to Annex 11 has been included as an attachment to this paper, for review by the meeting.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information presented in this paper.

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