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PROJECTS, PLANNING AND WORK PROGRAMME

Enhancement of AMDAR Observing System Coverage

AMDAR Programme Status Report for **ASECNA**

(ASECNA)

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

Provides a progress and activity report for the ASECNA AMDAR Programme.

ACTION PROPOSED

1. The Panel is invited to note the information contained in the document.

PROGRESS AND ACTIVITY REPORT

Current Status

1. The AMDAR program within ASECNA is still in the exploration stage. ASECNA started negotiating with E-AMDAR since 2008 but the situation has not change most. In the current investment plan for ASECNA, a line of budget is included to finalize the study of the feasibility of AMDAR data collection in the ASECNA's airports.

2. ASECNA approaches a couple of airlines that serve the region for a MOU that will enable us to collect AMDAR data but we do not have any positive answer so far.

3. Air France is the main carrier that made regular flight in the majority of the airport in the ASECNA region and up to now we have not be able to conclude a MOU mainly because it is said that the planes flying in our area are not equipped to collect and transmit AMDAR data.

Future Plans

4. ASECNA is expecting to have from the Panel some guidance on the implementation of its AMDAR project. ASECNA is lacking information about software, equipment and the implementation process of AMDAR program.

5. ASECNA has a new five years plan starting on January 2014 and is expecting to have the AMDAR program operational during that period. The assistance in the implementation process is welcome from WMO, E-AMDAR or any other institution.