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Subject : **Completion of the operational trial of ASEPS using ADS-B in the NAT Region as of 5 November 2020**

Dear Madam/Sir,

1. I wish to refer to the outcome of the 57th meeting of the North Atlantic Implementation Management Group (NAT IMG/57, 3-5 November 2020) related to the completion of the operational trial of Advanced Surveillance-Enhanced Procedural Separation (ASEPS) using ADS-B in the NAT Region as of 5 November 2020 and associated supporting NAT documentation issues.

2. The meeting was informed that with the new Amendment of the *Procedures for Air Navigation Services - Air Traffic Management* (PANS-ATM, Amdt. 9) applicable on 5 November 2020, the operational trial was successfully completed and the operational implementation of ASEPS using ADS-B has started.

3. As the method of operations supporting the application of “*separation minima using ATIS surveillance systems where VHF voice communication is not available*” was no different to that used to support the implementation of ASEPS using ADS-B, it was noted that there would be no operational impact as a result of the new PANS-ATM provision applicable from 5 November 2020. Nevertheless, the transition to global PANS provisions requires withdrawal of the following NAT documentation as they are no longer in line with appropriate ICAO provisions:

- a) NAT OPS Bulletin on the Trial Implementation of ASEPS using ADS-B (Serial no: 2018_006); and
- b) NAT OPS Bulletin on the Trial Implementation of ASEPS using ADS-B (Serial no: 2019_002).

4. In taking this decision, the NAT IMG was aware that the deletion of the NAT OPS Bulletins would normally require endorsement by the North Atlantic Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG). However, it was acknowledged that the current circumstances were exceptional as the Bulletins in question would become obsolete during the current meeting, which would not allow sufficient time for coordination. It was noted that the NAT SPG would be informed accordingly by the Secretariat.

5. In view of the above, I wish to invite you to note this action.

Yours faithfully,

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