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INDUSTRY CONSULTATION BODY

Report on the activities of the ICB SESAR Sub-group

This paper summarises the activities of the ICB SESAR Sub-group between ICB/12 and ICB/13. During this time the sub-group has progressed work on the ICB role in relation to SESAR Definition Phase and discussed the evolution of the SESAR JU Regulation.

1 Purpose

This paper summarises the activities of the ICB SESAR Sub-group between ICB/12 and ICB/13. During this period two ICB sub-groups were held (3rd October 2006 and 6th November 2006). The sub-group discussed the following topics:

- A response to the Eurocontrol presentation at ICB/11;
- Details of the SESAR JU Regulation;
- Role of ICB in SESAR Definition Phase.

This paper summarises the main findings of the sub-group - details are provided in the references.

2 Response to Eurocontrol presentation at ICB/11

A letter [ref 1] was received from Bo Redeborn of Eurocontrol in relation to letters exchanged by the ICB Chairman at the Commission on Eurocontrol presentation at ICB/11. The letter expresses Eurocontrol's commitment to the SESAR Project and assurances that the work of the Agency (including R&D) would be driven by the ATM Master Plan. The sub-group acknowledged the content of the letter as positive.

3 Details of the SESAR JU regulation

Since ICB/12, the TRAN [ref 2] report on the regulation to create a SESAR JU has been finalised. At the ITRE Committee Meeting on the 23rd October this report was combined with the draft ITRE report to arrive at a final opinion [ref 3] which will be voted on by the European Parliament on November 14th 2006.

The report will then be considered by the Council with the aim of adopting the final regulation in December, under Finnish presidency.

The Council meeting in March (under the Germany Presidency) will formally launch the JU. This will require a communication from the Commission on the status of the Definition Phase, including the key elements of the Operational Concept and a reassurance that private industry will provide funds.

The sub-group agreed that lobbying was still required at a local level in line with previously agreed ICB positions by members and individual organisations represented in the ICB. Contacts with the work party on Aviation should be used to obtain any changes to the text of June 2006. The Commission will be asked to provide any new version of the draft regulation.

4 Role of the ICB in SESAR Definition Phase

Regarding the role of the ICB in the SESAR definition phase, the sub-group agreed that:

- The ICB should only provide formal advice to the Commission on a released SESAR deliverable at the request of the Commission or of an ICB Member.
- The sub-group should seek information from the SESAR Consortium prior to public release to enable the sub-group to arrive at an informed position and to advise the ICB on any issues arising.
- A sub-group should be held to discuss each deliverable as this information becomes available.

- In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the ICB will endorse the Concept Operations. An early 'vision' would be useful.
- Only high level opinion will be provided
- The ICB does not seek to be part of the contractual stakeholder consultation; individual members will fully support the contractual process.

The ICB Chairman and SESAR ExCom Chairman exchanged letters [refs 4, 5] on the need for information. The SESAR proposal, accepted by the sub-group, is that the version of the formal deliverable made available to the customer, would also be made available to the ICB sub-group. In addition, the ICB sub-group will also seek to information on the Concept of Operations prior to its presentation to the Council in March 2007.

The ICB Sub-group has agreed to the following meeting dates to consider SESAR deliverables.

Deliverable	Release Date	Sub-group date
D2 Performance Requirements	6 th December 2006	18 th December 2006
D3 Top Product	6 th June 2007	25 th June 2007
D4 Selection of "Best" Deployment Scenario	5 th October 2007	TBD
D5 ATM Master Plan	4 th January 2008	TBD
D6 Implementation Programme	6 th March 2008	TBD

An additional meeting will be held in early 2007 to review the operational concept.

5 Requested Action

The ICB is requested to:

- Note the actions undertaken by the SESAR sub-group.
- Support the continuation of the proposed activities.

6 References

- [1] Letter from Bo Redeborn.
- [2] OPINION of the Committee on Transport and Tourism for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy on the proposal for a Council regulation on the establishment of a Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR), 2005/0235(CNS), 20th September 2006.
- [3] REPORT on the proposal for a Council regulation on the establishment of a Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR), ITRE, A6-0382/2006, 27th October 2006.
- [4] Letter to Olaf Dlugi – ICB Role in SESAR Definition Phase
- [5] Letter from Olaf Dlugi – ICB Role in SESAR Definition Phase