Agenda Item 7: CPWG/26 Action Item Update

VOLCEX20

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SUMMARY

This paper presents information on the VOLCEX20 volcanic exercise.

1. Introduction

1.1 The European and North Atlantic Volcanic Ash Exercises Steering Group (EUR/NAT VOLCEX/SG) established by the European Air Navigation Planning Group (EANPG), Programme Coordinating Group (COG) and North Atlantic Implementation Planning Group (NAT IMG), was is tasked to ensure the continuation of regular volcanic ash exercises in the EUR and NAT Regions. One of the main goal of these exercises is to exercise the volcanic ash contingency plan for the EUR and NAT Regions (EUR Doc 019, NAT Doc 006, Part II).

1.2 The volcanic ash exercise in the EUR/NAT Regions in 2020 (VOLCEX20) will be conducted in November 2020. The VOLCEX20 planning meeting will be held in Rome on January 17th, 2020.

2. Discussion

2.1 In 2020 will be the 10-year anniversary of the memorable eruption of Eyjafjallajökull. The VOLCEX20 exercise will be simulating the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull and will be using a scenario based on the eruption in 2010. One of the objectives will be to compare the different ATM and Airline Operator landscape and procedures.

2.2 In 2010, ATM had the responsibly and did not allow any traffic into areas with forecasted or reported ash. Since November of 2014 the responsibility was moved to Airline Operators that now decide whether to fly in contaminated areas or not, based on the ICAO Safety Risk Assessment.

3. Action by the Meeting

3.1 The Meeting is invited to note the information provided in this paper.