**Eleventh Meeting of the Cross Polar Trans East Air Traffic Management Providers’ Work Group (CPWG/11)**

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**Agenda Item 4: Provide Status on CPWG/10 Actions**

Status update of operational contingency procedures for significant events between State ATM Corporation of Russia and Civil Aviation Bureau, Japan

(Action Item #CP10-08)

(Presented Jointly by Civil Aviation Bureau, Japan and State ATM Corporation of Russia)

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| **SUMMARY**  This information paper provides a status update regarding a draft Letter of Agreement (LOA) of operational contingency procedures for significant events between State ATM Corporation of Russia and Civil Aviation Bureau, Japan. |

1. **Introduction** 
   1. The eruption of Mt. Sarychev had a big impact on both Air Traffic Control (ATC) and airline operation. The aircraft flying in NOPAC had to avoid the volcanic ash affecting area. With only limited information on this volcanic activity, some airline operators had to divert due to low fuel on board. JCAB recognized the importance of sharing information with the agencies concerned.
   2. After the CPWG/9 held in April 2010, JCAB exchanged points of contact with State ATM Corporation of Russia in order to develop a draft LOA which contains the procedure of information sharing and coordination in case of adverse effects on international traffic flow especially within north pacific region. JCAB’s point of contact is ATM Center and State ATM Corporation’s is Main ATM Center of Russia.
2. **Discussion**

2.1 The draft LOA identifies the significant events of which information should be shared. Those events are volcanic ash, severe weather, natural calamities and industrial disasters, malfunction and scheduled outage of ATC systems, airspace and airway closure, and any other adverse events.

2.2 Furthermore, coordination procedure for Rocket Launch by the Russian Aerospace Agency would be incorporated in the LOA. Main ATM Center of Russia should coordinate with JCAB ATM Center on the impact area, and shall forward fixed launch information to JCAB ATMC 7-8 calendar days before the anticipated date of a rocket launch.

2.3 Coordination towards the final draft LOA between JCAB ATM Center and Main ATM Center of Russia continues. In case a contingency event happens while a signed agreement is under way, JCAB ATM Center and Main ATM Center of Russia are considering to contact each other based on the exchanged points of contact which are included in the draft.

1. **Recommendation**

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