**Fourth Meeting of the Pacific Project Team (PPT/4)**

(Chicago, USA – 11 December 2012)

**USER PREFERRED ROUTE FLIGHT PLANNING CONSTRAINTS WITHIN THE VANCOUVER FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION**

(Presented by International Air Transport Association (IATA) – United Airlines)

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| SUMMARY  This working paper presents information for the Pacific Project Team Workshop consideration in recognizing the various flight planning constraints associated with east bound User Preferred Route (UPR) routings into the Vancouver Flight Information Region (FIR) from Asia. |

1. **Introduction**
   1. Earlier this year (June) Vancouver Area Control Center (ACC) circulated an email to various operators advising that with increasing regularity, eastbound PACOT’s aircraft are not filing the required preferential routes to transit from Oakland Oceanic airspace into the Vancouver FIR.
   2. Vancouver ACC stated that although controllers have been accommodating many of these random routes, if allowed to continue and increase in regularity, this will result in an unmanageable and thus unsafe situation.
   3. Vancouver ACC advised that UPR’s can only be used westbound and within the guidelines set out in the governing Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) (A0118/11).

1. **Discussion**
   1. It has been the ultimate goal for the Pacific Project to enable UPRs within the Pacific Region resulting in significant efficiencies and cost reductions to operators.
   2. Vancouver ACC advised that although they are working towards implementing the required automation to accommodate random routes, until they get there, they will require these routes in Attachment A to ensure an orderly flow of traffic as it transitions from non-radar to radar control.
   3. The required preferential routes are listed in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Chart Supplement Pacific with effective date from 15 November 2012, pages 64 and 65.

1. **Action by the Meeting**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

* 1. review the information contained in this Working Paper;
  2. include it in the Pacific Project Workshop discussions for further consideration.

