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ELECTRONIC WORKING

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on progress following proposals made by the Bahamas at the 106th session of the Council
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	4
<i>High-level action:</i>	4.0.2
<i>Planned output:</i>	4.0.2.8
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 7
<i>Related document:</i>	C 106/4/2

Introduction

1 The Council, at its 106th session (27 June to 1 July 2011), considered four proposals submitted by the Bahamas (C 106/4/2), viz:

- .1 the secretary for each meeting should primarily work electronically with paper back-up;
- .2 the file name of each document should include the short title rather than just the alphanumeric reference;
- .3 the alphanumeric reference of the document currently being debated should be displayed on the message boards in plenary; and
- .4 the connectivity and bandwidth of the wireless internet access should be greatly increased.

2 Following consideration of the proposals, the Council noted the Secretary-General's positive response and decided to forward document C 106/4/2, with the comments made, to the twelfth session of the Working Group to review the implementation of the proposals and any other proposals submitted to the Group aimed at enhancing efficiency through e-working.

Subsequent developments

3 In its preliminary consideration of the proposal that the secretary for each meeting should primarily work electronically with paperback up, the Secretariat is of the view that the most appropriate way forward appears to be for meeting documents to be accessed electronically, whilst referring to briefs and supporting material in paper format. The Secretariat will conduct a trial to assess whether making use of the facility for electronic access to documents leads to the improvements suggested by the Bahamas and will advise the Council accordingly in due course.

4 On the request for the filename of each document to include the short title, rather than just the alphanumeric reference, the target date for implementation on IMODOCS is 1 September 2011.

5 On the use of the electronic message board for displaying the alphanumeric reference of the document currently being discussed, this can be introduced using in-house resources through utilizing the manual systems and procedures currently available for the display of telephone numbers on the electronic messaging board. A trial will be undertaken during the FAL Committee meeting starting on 5 September 2011. The Secretariat will gather information from delegations as to the benefits (or otherwise) gained from the trial and report to the Council in due course.

6 On wireless access to the internet, the number of access points has been increased and system resilience will be enhanced by the addition of a backup wireless access controller, to be fitted during the last week of August 2011.

Action requested of the Working Group

7 The Working Group is invited to note the information provided and comment as appropriate.
