

## **IBAC Technical Report Summary**

**Subject: CNS/ATM Economics and Financial Impact**

**Meeting: NAT Economic and Financial Group (NAT EFG/6)**

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**Summary:** NAT EFG is a subgroup of the NAT Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG). EFG/5 was held in Montreal, 13-15 January 2003.

Except for pending submissions from several ANS Providers and the comparisons these will enable, the EFG has completed its work on pro formas for the reporting of annual expenditures by ANS Providers. Work will now commence on a comprehensive comparison of the annual expenditures for services provided by the Prestwick Oceanic Centre and those provided by Gander Oceanic.

Following considerable further debate, the EFG decided not to further pursue work on consolidated charges invoicing as had been advocated by IATA.

Differentiation of communications charges resulted in considerable discussion. IBAC again stressed the need to equitably manage such charges differentiation practices over the longer term.

Key focus of future EFG work will involve contribution of economic and financial information to a recently established task force on HF Regression.

### **Implication for Business Aviation:**

With the prospect of differentiation of communications charges likely to spread, business aviation and other non-data link capable NAT operators will need to be vigilant to ensure that unit charges for HF voice remain equitable and do not escalate to punitive levels. Ideally, this should be achieved by providers scaling down HF voice services as the transition to data link progresses.

### **Decisions Required:**

POC to note developments and consider the need for development of policy relating to the transition from HF voice to data link and possibly also Satellite voice.

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