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KEEPING COMMERCIAL AIR TRAVEL AND AIRSPACE SAFE: EUROPEAN PROBLEMS ARE GLOBAL ISSUES

GARDER LE TRANSPORT AÉRIEN COMMERCIAL ET LA SÉCURITÉ DES ESPACES AÉRIENS: LES PROBLÈMES EUROPÉENS SONT DES PROBLÈMES GLOBAUX

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Introduction: Demands on commercial airspace are increasing dramatically—this is especially true in the European region. This presentation will outline the present and future challenges to aviation safety and how these problems are being approached.

Background: The European Air Traffic Network Manager plays an important role in mitigating the potential safety hazards of the growing demands on European airspace. Statistical data illustrates the challenges – increasing flights, regional differences, weather, industrial actions, capacity of airports, etc.

Summary: The challenges of the European air travel and airspace environment illustrate the global issues confronting the aviation industry and regulatory authorities. It is critical to understand the challenges and the way forward, to ensure safety and avoid disruption of the system in the future.