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## **ASECNA Expands Contract with Intelsat for Air Navigation Safety in Africa**

Pembroke, Bermuda, 29 March 2006 – Intelsat today announced that the Agency for the Safety of Aerial Navigation in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) has signed a long-term, multimillion dollar contract with Intelsat to expand its use of satellite capacity in support of its existing civil aviation network in Africa.

ASECNA, the regional public establishment responsible for providing air navigation services in 17 African member countries, will use additional capacity on Intelsat's powerful 10-02 satellite to support the communication systems that will enable airline navigation control, provide technical and traffic information, weather forecasting and guidance to airlines and airplanes in its member countries.

The additional capacity will be used for voice and data traffic and provides full coverage of the African continent and Europe, making it easier for ASECNA to expand its network within the Africa Indian Ocean Satellite Network (AFISNET) and interconnect with other regional air safety navigation organizations, such as the Southern African Development Community/VSAT Network (SADC/VN) and the Northeastern Africa Indian Ocean VSAT network (NAFISAT).

"ASECNA's communications network is responsible for the daily safety and well-being of literally millions of airline passengers and pilots," said Mr. Youssef Mahamat, Director General at ASECNA. "People's safety and security are of critical importance to us, so it is necessary that the core of our network be built on the most stable, reliable and high quality capacity available to us. That is why we have been a continuing customer of Intelsat since 1994."

Steve Spengler, Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing at Intelsat, stated, "The IS-10-02 satellite provides ASECNA with high power, vast coverage and technologically advanced services that enable them to meet almost any communications need when coordinating the air traffic of member countries. This is a perfect example of Intelsat's continuing commitment to providing African nations with access to premium satellite services that significantly enhance their quality of life and stimulate economic growth."

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