



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**FIRST MEETING OF THE APAC CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION
TASK FORCE**

Bangkok, Thailand, 22 to 23 June 2015

Agenda Item 4: Establishment of expert groups

SCOPE OF APAC CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION

(Presented by Pakistan)

SUMMARY

This paper draws attentions of this forum towards some of possible scope of work for proposed APAC Civil Aviation Commissions.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The 51st APAC DGCA's Conference (Hong Kong) recognized the immense growth of multifarious aviation activities owing to emerging economies and ever flourishing tourism throughout the region. This phenomenal growth therefore requires adoption of various measures to meet the future challenges of Civil Aviation Activities.

1.2 The proposal from Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) for the establishment of Civil Aviation Commission on the lines of other regional Civil Aviation commissions is the need of time as APAC Region has the highest rate of growth of air traffic in the world thereby needing extra strides to cope with the pace of growth through coordinated and collaborated efforts of APAC Regional States.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Pakistan supports the proposal for establishment of APAC Civil Aviation Commission and identifies some of possible scope of work for proposed APAC Civil Aviation Commission as mentioned below:

- Human resource development
- APAC single sky development
- Harmonization of inter-regional and intra-regional traffic orientation schemes and ATFM.
- APAC joint safety initiatives and monitoring
- APAC financial strategy for infrastructural development
- APAC joint incident / investigation board
- Development of unified aeronautical information database
- Establishment of Joint Search & Rescue Force

2.2 APAC Civil Aviation Commission resource should consider the enhanced need of human resource especially of under developed states. A virtual university may be established to function on no profit / no loss basis, facilitating online lecture delivery, assessment and certification. This will significantly reduce training expenditure and time. The scope of work will be in line with ICAO assembly Resolution A38/2, Appendix D and ICAO Civil Aviation Training Policy.

2.3 APAC Commission should have priority for a single sky policy across APAC Region in line with Euro Control. Proposed development will be beneficial in terms of enhanced airspace capacity and reduction in flying times.

2.4 Harmonization of inter-regional and intra-regional traffic orientation schemes and ATFM concepts will significantly increase fuel economy, ensure better understanding of traffic pattern at different period of time, reduce carbon emission and enroute & terminal delays.

2.5 APAC joint safety initiatives and monitoring on the pattern of EASA shall promote safety culture across the APAC Region through unified safety standards and monitoring thereof.

2.6 APAC financial strategy for infrastructure development should be formulated as some of the states with lesser traffic density and feeding the traffic to other states may not deem some infrastructure development as economically viable option. That is to say that for capacity building feeder states may be fed accordingly for greater flight safety and regularity. This will ensure timely implementation of APAC Air Navigation Plan.

2.7 Establishment of joint accident investigation board shall be helpful in determining the root cause of each accident through comprehensive accident investigation by experienced work force. Recommendations whereof shall prescribe future safety initiatives. APAC Joint Accident investigation shall also provide requisite expertise to the member states.

2.8 Development of aeronautical information database (already in practice in other civil aviation commissions) will facilitate aviator for quick and easy access to APAC aeronautical information through single website.

2.9 Establishment of joint search and rescue force for APAC Region will enable each member state to cope with disasters in remote areas and high seas. A coordinated search & rescue mission will be more efficient & economical than piecemeal search & rescue activities.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) consider the information contained in this paper; and
- b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.