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PAKISTAN - CHINA ATC COORDINATION ERRORS UPDATE

(Presented by China)

SUMMARY

This paper is to present progress of resolutions to ATC coordination errors between Pakistan and China.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In RASMAG/18, China RMA reported to the meeting the lack of communication between China Urumqi Area Control Centre (ACC) and the Pakistan Lahore ACC, and the increasing number of LHDs due to ATC coordination errors near the borders. It was identified as one of concerned issues based on report in 2013 that require further improvements.
- 1.2 China had proposed enhancements to communications and ATS surveillance near the border, but had encountered difficulties in establishing the facilities, which might best be sited in Pakistan. China requested ICAO to work with Administrations concerned to resolve the problem to reduce safety risks at the PURPA crossing point.
- 1.3 This paper is to present some updates of measures taken concerning Pakistan-China ATS unit communications problem.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 China RMA had a side meeting with Pakistan delegation during CNS SG/18 meeting in July 2014. China introduced the situations of continuous ATC coordination errors near the borders. Pakistan expressed their great concern about these LHDs and willingness to take actions to make improvement.
- After the meeting, the focal points of contact of both China Urumqi regional ATMB and Pakistan ATC have been designated for investigation and resolution. China planned to establish VSAT stations near the borders to improve the communication and surveillance capability between China and Pakistan. The CNS department of ATMB has already drafted construction scheme of the VSAT stations and this draft was forwarded to Urumqi regional ATMB. A China Pakistan Communication Coordination meeting is planned to be held in Beijing in June 2015 to discuss VSAT station project requirement.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
 - a) note the information contained in this paper;
 - b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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