

International Civil Aviation Organization

The Third Meeting of the Regional Airspace Safety Monitoring Advisory Group (RASMAG/3)

Bangkok, Thailand, 6 – 7 June 2004

Agenda Item 2: Review the Terms of Reference

RASMAG TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Regional Airspace Safety Monitoring Advisory Group (RASMAG) for review by the meeting.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 RASMAG was established under the terms of APANPIRG/14 (August 2003) Decision 14/48, which included draft Terms of Reference (TOR).

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The RASMAG/1 (April 2004) meeting reviewed the draft Terms of Reference and was of the view that further clarification was required as to the extent to which the Group could make decisions without first obtaining approval or endorsement from APANPIRG as reflected by its status as an Advisory Group. Accordingly, RASMAG/1 recommended an amendment to the TOR for consideration by APANPIRG.
- 2.2 APANPIRG/15 (August 2004) reviewed the Report of RASMAG/1 and under Decision 15/4, agreed to the recommendation of RASMAG/1 to change its Terms of Reference (TOR) to address coordination with the contributing bodies of APANPIRG.
- 2.3 RASMAG/2 (October 2004) reviewed the TOR and agreed that the revised TOR met the requirements of the Group. The TOR, as agreed by RASMAG/2, are provided in the **Appendix** to this paper for review by the meeting

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
 - a) review the RASMAG Terms of Reference, and
 - b) consider removing the item "Review the Terms of Reference" from the routine agenda of RASMAG.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

REGIONAL AIRSPACE SAFETY MONITORING ADVISORY GROUP (RASMAG)

Terms of Reference of the RASMAG

The objectives of the Group are to:

- a) facilitate the safe implementation of reduced separation minima and CNS/ATM applications within the Asia and Pacific Regions in regard to airspace safety monitoring; and
- b) assist States to achieve the established levels of airspace safety for international airspace within the Asia and Pacific Regions.

To meet these objectives the Group shall:

- a) review airspace safety performance in the Asia and Pacific Regions at the regional level and within international airspace;
- b) review and develop as necessary guidance material for airspace safety monitoring, assessment and reporting activities;
- c) recommend and facilitate the implementation of airspace safety monitoring and performance assessment services;
- d) review and recommend on the competency and compatibility of monitoring organizations;
- e) review, coordinate and harmonize regional and inter-regional airspace safety monitoring activities;
- f) review regional and global airspace planning and developments in order to anticipate requirements for airspace safety monitoring and assessment activities;
- g) address other airspace safety related issues as necessary;
- h) facilitate the distribution of safety related information to States, and
- i) provide to APANPIRG comprehensive reports on regional airspace safety and coordinate with other contributory bodies of APANPIRG as appropriate.

Task List

To review the safety monitoring programmes in the Asia and Pacific Regions for implementation and operation of:

- a) reduced vertical separation minimum (RVSM);
- b) reduced horizontal (lateral and longitudinal) separation minima using RNP; and
- c) aircraft separation applications using data link, e.g. ADS and CPDLC.