



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**The First Meeting of the South Asia/Indian Ocean ATM Coordination Group  
(SAIOACG/1)**

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**Agenda Item 2: Review Outcomes of Related Meetings**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SAIOACG**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents SAIOACG Terms of Reference which was approved by APANPIRG/22 Meeting held in the ICAO Asia and Pacific Regional Office in Bangkok, Thailand from 5-9 September 2011.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 It was recognized by the BBACG that the definition of Major Traffic Flows was outdated and did not include an important routes such as from the Middle East to Australia and SE Asia. India suggested the inclusion of a new traffic flow (AR-10) to represent the traffic from the Middle East to both Australia and Southeast Asia.

1.2 The BBACG agreed to an IATA proposal of ‘connector’ routes in the Mumbai FIR as a first stage towards User Preferred Routes (UPR). Seamless ATM imperatives promoted discussion on the need for BBACG to increase its scope to include Major Traffic Flows AR-1 and AR-4. As a result, the BBACG agreed to a change in its TOR to include the AR-1 and AR-4 MTF. The Sub-Group noted this, and after some discussion preferred the new name South Asia Indian Ocean ATM Coordination Group.

1.3 The APANPIRG/22 meeting agreed to the following Conclusion and Decision:

**Conclusion 22/5– Major Traffic Flow (New)**

That, the traffic flow between the Middle East airports such as Dubai and Abu Dhabi to Australasian or South East Asian airports such as Sydney and Singapore be recognized as APAC Major Traffic Flow AR-10 and recommended as an amendment to the Global Air Navigation Plan (Doc 9750).

**Decision 22/26 – Establishment of SAIOACG**

That, the BBACG be renamed as the South Asia Indian Ocean ATM Coordination Group – SAIOACG to cover a geographical area which includes Major Traffic Flows AR-1, AR-4 and AR-10, and that the TOR as appended at **Appendix E to Report on Agenda item 3.2** be adopted.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The Terms of Reference (TOR) for SAIOACG is shown in the Attachment to this working paper.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

2.1 The meeting is invited to discuss the TOR and develop a work plan to achieve the objectives of SAIOACG.

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**South Asia/Indian Ocean ATM Coordination Group (SAIOACG)**  
**Terms of Reference**  
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- 1) The scope and objective of the SAIOACG is to identify, plan and implement Air Traffic Management improvements within airspace serving the Asian Regional Major Traffic Flows:
  - AR-1 (Africa – Southeast Asia/Australia);
  - AR-4 (Europe – Southeast Asia);
  - AR-10 (Middle East – Southeast Asia/Australia).
  
- 2) To meet this objective the Task Force shall:
  - a. review and recommend improvements to relevant airspace and ATS route structures, in order to optimize the safety and efficiency of ATC operations;
  - b. review and recommend improvements to ATS facilities such as communication and surveillance capability in support of flight operations;
  - c. research and plan airspace and facility requirements based on future technologies, Performance Based Navigation and other capabilities that enhance flight operations;
  - d. coordinate with other bodies to establish appropriate navigation specifications;
  - e. identify ATM deficiencies with respect to ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), and make recommendations to achieve compliance;
  - f. cooperate with other bodies as required, to facilitate Seamless ATM;
  - g. create working groups as required to manage specific ATM-related projects; and
  - h. research and recommend appropriate means of minimizing the environmental consequences of flight operations.
  
- 3) The SAIOACG reports to the ATM/AIS/SAR Subgroup of APANPIRG.

The membership of the SAIOACG is open to States that provide ATS within the scope of airspace of SAIOACG, International Organizations and ICAO. The membership is also open to participants from outside the airspace or organizations that can contribute to SAIOACG by invitation from SAIOACG (such as military organizations that can facilitate civil/military cooperation).

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