



International Civil Aviation Organization

**NINTH MEETING OF THE ASIA/PACIFIC OPMET MANAGEMENT
TASK FORCE (OPMET/M TF/9)**

Bangkok, Thailand, 21 – 23 March 2011

**Agenda Item 3b: Review of regional guidance material on OPMET exchange
ASIA/PAC ICD**

REVIEW UPDATES TO THE ASIA/PAC ICD

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper recommends Regional OPMET Data Banks provide an annual update to their respective Appendices to the ICD that describe OPMET exchange in support to the ROBEX scheme.

This paper relates to:

Strategic Objectives:

C. Sustainability

Global Plan Initiatives:

GPI-18 Aeronautical information

GPI-19 Meteorological Systems

1. INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION

1.1 The Asia/Pacific OPMET Data Banks Interface Control Document (ICD) was last amended in August 2010 which included updates associated with the redesignation of Meteorological Watch Offices (MWOs) in China. To be consistent with the yearly cycle of updates as proposed with the ROBEX Handbook, the ASIA/PAC ICD should also be examined for possible updates annually. The ASIA/PAC ICD can be accessed at http://www.bangkok.icao.int/edocs/OPMET_DataBanksICD2004.pdf.

2. ACTION BY THE MEETING

2.1 The meeting may wish to agree on a date to provide updates to their respective appendices of the ICD for an annual update, preferably before May 2011.
