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Agenda Item 5: ATS Route Development

PROCEDURE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF REGIONAL AIR NAVIGATION PLAN

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents an outline of the procedure for States and Organisations when submitting amendment proposals to the Regional Basic Air Navigation Plan.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Air Navigation Plan for the Asia Pacific Region (Doc 9673) is in two volumes. Volume I is the Basic ANP, and Volume II, the FASID.

1.2 The Basic ANP and the FASID may be amended by a RAN meeting or by an approved procedure which is contained in page 0-4 and 0-5 of Volume I of Doc 9673 (Attachment 1).

1.3 The purpose of this Working Paper is to remind States and Organisations of the appropriate procedure when submitting proposals for the amendment of Volume I, Basic ANP.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Essentially, the procedure for States and Organisations when submitting an amendment proposal is as follows:

“If any Contracting State (or group of States) of a region wishes to effect a change in the approved basic air navigation plan for that region it should propose to the Secretary General, through the regional office accredited to that State, an appropriate amendment to the plan, adequately documented; the proposal should include the facts that lead the State to the conclusion that the amendment is necessary. Such amendments may include additions, modifications or deletions. (This procedure does not preclude the State having previous consultation with other States before submitting an amendment proposal to the regional office).”

2.2 The Regional Office sometimes receives amendment proposals for ATS requirements from States, which are very sparse in the information provided and without an appropriate chart indicating the particular route or routes together with the waypoints, for reference. In some cases even the information provided is inaccurate. Additionally there is often also no information provided with regard to whether the route has been coordinated with other affected FIRs. All these lead to unnecessary delays while the Regional Office seeks clarification and other relevant information from the State proposing the amendment.

- 2.3 It is therefore very much in the interest of the proposing State to ensure that:
- a. detailed and accurate information with regard to the route is provided in the proposal for amendment;
 - b. an appropriate chart be provided for reference
 - c. prior consultation and agreement be sought with the affected FIRs and information on such consultation and agreement be provided.

2.4 The relevant template for such amendment proposals is at **Attachment 2**.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

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

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PROCEDURE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF APPROVED BASIC AIR NAVIGATION PLANS

Approved by Council on 25 February 1998

1. Introduction

The procedure outlined below has been evolved to provide a means of maintaining basic regional plans in a current condition by correspondence.

2. General criteria

2.1 The Assembly has resolved that regional plans shall be revised when it becomes apparent that they are no longer consistent with current and foreseen requirements of international civil aviation and that, when the nature of a required change permits, the associated amendment of the regional plan shall be undertaken by correspondence between the Organization and the Contracting States and international organizations concerned.

2.2 When a State cannot immediately implement a particular part or a specific detail of a regional plan, although it intends to do so when practicable, this in itself should not cause the State to propose an amendment to the plan.

3. Procedure

3.1 If, in the light of the above criteria, any Contracting State (or group of States) of a region wishes to effect a change in the approved Basic ANP for that region it should propose to the Secretary General, through the ICAO Regional Office accredited to that State, an appropriate amendment to the plan, adequately documented; the proposal should include the facts that lead the State to the conclusion that the amendment is necessary. Such amendments may include additions, modifications or deletions. (This procedure does not preclude a State having previous consultation with other States before submitting an amendment proposal to the ICAO Regional Office.)

3.2 The Secretary General will circulate the proposal, adequately documented, with a request for comments to all

provider and user States of the region considered affected as well as to user States outside the region and international organizations which may be invited to attend suitable ICAO meetings and which may be concerned with the proposal. If, however, the Secretary General considers that the proposed amendment conflicts with established ICAO policy, or that it raises questions which the Secretary General considers should be brought to the attention of the Air Navigation Commission, the proposal will be first presented, adequately documented, to the Commission. In such cases, the Commission will decide the action to be taken on the proposal.

3.3 If, in reply to the Secretary General's inquiry to States and selected international organizations, no objection is raised to the proposal by a specified date, the proposal shall be submitted to the President of the Council, who is authorized to approve the amendment on behalf of the Council.

3.4 If, in reply to the Secretary General's inquiry to States and selected international organizations any objection is raised, and if objection remains after further consultation, the matter will be documented for formal consideration by the Commission. If the Commission concludes that the amendment is acceptable in its original or other form, it will present appropriate recommendations to the Council.

3.5 Proposals for the amendment of regional plans submitted by international organizations directly concerned with the operation of aircraft, which may be invited to attend suitable ICAO meetings and which attended the meeting(s) where the relevant plan was prepared, will be dealt with in the same manner as those received from States, except that, before circulating a proposal to States and selected international organizations pursuant to 3.2, the Secretary General will ascertain whether it has adequate support from the State or States whose facilities will be affected. If such support is not forthcoming, the proposal will be presented to the Commission, and the Commission will decide on the action to be taken on the proposal.

3.6 Proposals for the amendment of regional plans may also be initiated by the Secretary General provided that the State or States whose facilities will be affected have expressed their concurrence with the proposal.

3.7 Amendment to regional plans which have been approved in accordance with the above procedure will be promulgated at convenient intervals.

**PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF THE
ASIA/PACIFIC BASIC AIR NAVIGATION PLAN
(Doc 9673)**

(Serial No.: APAC 11/X – ATS)

a) **Plan:**

Doc 9673

b) **Proposed by:**

(Name of State or Organisation)

c) **Proposed amendment:**

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Amend requirement for ATS routes as follows:

d) **Date when proposal received:**

xxxxxx

e) **Proposers reason for amendment:**

xxxxxx

Note: Where the route affects adjacent FIRs, the proposer should provide information on the consultation, and agreement reached.

f) **Proposed implementation date of the amendment:**

Upon approval by the Council.

g) **Action by the Regional Office:**

The proposal is circulated to the following States.

(i) xxxx, (ii) xxxx, (iii) xxxx, (iv) xxxxxxxx,

Note: The list should include the States or organisations affected by the route change. The proposal for amendment may also be circulated to some interested states, for information.

h) **Secretariat's comments:**

1. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

2. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx