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**SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE
COMMUNICATIONS/NAVIGATION/SURVEILLANCE AND
METEOROLOGY SUB-GROUP (CNS/MET SG/16) OF APANPIRG**

Bangkok, Thailand, 23 – 27 July 2012

Agenda Item 3: Aeronautical Fixed Service (AFS)

- 3) discuss AIDC ICD issue and other AFS related issues

REVIEW OUTCOME OF THE NAT SPG/48 ON AIDC

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents AIDC ICD related outcome of Forty-Eighth Meeting of the North Atlantic Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG) held in the European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Office of ICAO from 12 to 15 June 2012.

Action by meeting is provided in Section 3.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Forty-Eighth Meeting of the North Atlantic Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG) was held in the European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Office of ICAO from 12 to 15 June 2012.

1.2 Through an IOM (EUR/NAT 12-0479) from ICAO Paris Office to Bangkok Office, coordination with APANPIRG for establishment of an inter-regional APAC/NAT AIDC Task Force was proposed. ICAO Secretariat was requested to provide the proposal and related Conclusion 48/28 adopted by NAT SPG/48 meeting to APANPIRG Sub-groups for consideration.

2. Discussion

2.1 It may be recalled that the work of development of pan regional ICD for AIDC was initiated by NAT SPG/46 (June 2010) as a follow-up to SPG Conclusion 45/25. This was discussed by APANPIRG/21 meeting in 2010 at which the development principles (Agenda items 3.4 refers) were accepted.

2.2 The Pan Regional AIDC ICD i.e. APAC/NAT ICD for AIDC is being developed through harmonizing ICD documents and updates based on the latest versions 1.2.9 and 1.3.0 of the North Atlantic Common Coordination Interface Control Document (NAT CC ICD, NAT Doc 002) and APAC ICD for AIDC Version 3.

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2.3 The consolidating and updating task has been carried out by an informal group of experts from Canada, Iceland, Norway, and Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States and some expertise in the APAC Region.

2.4 In January 2012, there was a proposal to merge information of the relevant part from Doc 9694 into APAC/NAT ICD. So far version v.0.4 of the harmonized document had been produced and posted on the ICAO Portal site. The deadline for comments on the latest version of the harmonized APAC/NAT ICD was set for 1 February 2012 and no comments had been received.

2.5 The absence of comments is not an indication that the document is perfectly clean and acceptable but States and experts' first priority was the full AIDC implementation in the NAT Region by 15 November 2012 to coincide with the completion of the NAT FPL2012 programme.

2.6 The NAT SPG re-emphasized the importance of continuing work on harmonization of the regional AIDC guidance material with the aim of creating a pan-regionally harmonized document. In view of requirement for more resources that need to be allocated to the development of the ICD after 15 November 2015, the NAT SPG agreed that a more formal approach to progress this work would be helpful to ensure that necessary resources were made available.

2.7 The NAT SPG noted the proposal from the United States to lead this work and that the task force would commence its work in January 2013 and to complete the work by 1st Quarter 2014. Accordingly NAT SPG/48 meeting formulated a Conclusion on the establishment of an inter-regional APAC/NAT AIDC Task Force as follows:

Conclusion 48/28 - Establishment of an inter-regional APAC/NAT AIDC Task Force

That the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic:

- a) take appropriate measures to coordinate with the Asia and Pacific (APAC) Office of ICAO regarding the need to establish an inter-regional APAC/NAT Air Traffic Services (ATS) Inter-Facility Data Communication (AIDC) task force; and*
- b) follow a positive opinion of the ICAO APAC Office, take appropriate measures for the establishment of the inter-regional APAC/NAT AIDC task force with the Terms of Reference hereafter.*

2.8 The draft Terms of Reference of the ICAO Inter-Regional APAC/NAT AIDC Task Force is provided in the attachment to this paper for consideration by the meeting.

3. Action by the Meeting

3.1 The meeting is invited to note information provided in this paper

3.2 Review the proposed Terms of Reference in the Appendix and endorse the approach to establish interregional APAC/NAT AIDC Task Force for the development of APAC/NAT ICD for ATS Inter-facility Data Communication.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

THE ICAO INTER-REGIONAL APAC/NAT AIDC TASK FORCE

Deliverable(s)

- a) A pan-regional APAC/NAT AIDC document.

Scope of work

The following are the broad principles describing the scope of work:

- a) take into account the APAC, NAT and any other existing guidance material related to AIDC; and
- b) be consistent with the global ICAO framework to ensure global harmonization and interoperability.

Composition

The task force would be composed of experts nominated by the APAC and NAT States, international organization and industry. Additional membership could be invited from other Regions.

Conduct of the work and schedule

The task force shall complete its work by 1 Q 2014. The work would be carried out by means of electronic correspondence as far as practicable. Minimum amount of face to face meetings would be planned.
