



International Civil Aviation Organization

**THE TENTH MEETING OF ASIA/PACIFIC OPMET MANAGEMENT
TASK FORCE (OPMET/M TF/10)**

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Agenda Item Conjoint: Other Business

MET TASK FORCES

(Presented by Australia)

SUMMARY

This paper proposes a structure and working arrangements for the meteorological (MET) Sub-group Task Forces (TF) of APANPIRG.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Meteorological (MET) Sub-group was established to discuss meteorological issues relating to the safety, efficiency and effectiveness of international air navigation. It is a forum that enables States within the Asia/Pacific Region to share ideas and suggest improvements while working cooperatively in the field of aeronautical meteorology.

1.2 Task Forces are established when there is a need to cooperate between States to manage and implement processes, procedures or systems to improve the meteorological service to international air navigation.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Task Forces should, ideally, be aligned with the activities of the ICAO Operations & Study Groups and their associated Task Forces and Project Teams.

2.2 To streamline the APANPIRG MET Task Forces it is proposed to consolidate the existing ones into:

- MET Requirements Task Force (incorporating MET/ATM TF);
- MET Management Task Force (incorporating OPMET M/TF);
- MET Implementation Task Force (incorporating METWARN I/TF and WAFS I/TF).

2.3 The Terms of Reference, Working Arrangements and Work Program of each Task Force should be primarily sorted out prior to MET Sub-group meeting and any changes put forward in a working paper along with the yearly progress report from the group.

2.4 The Task Force sessions should primarily be conducted via email correspondence and tele-conferencing. If it is considered that a face-to-face meeting be required, then it would be advantageous to hold meetings within the same week to minimize travel time and expense.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the following three Task Forces be:

- MET Requirements Task Force;
- MET Management Task Force;
- MET Implementation Task Force.

4. ACTION BY THE MEETING

4.1 The meeting is invited to note the information and recommendation contained in this paper and to discuss this and other possible options for streamlining the Task Forces.
