



International Civil Aviation Organization

The Ninth Meeting of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Performance-Based Navigation Task Force (PBN/9)

Bangkok, Thailand, 27-30 March 2012

Agenda Item 8: Date and Venue of Next Meeting

PBN/TF/10 PLANNING

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents information relevant to the planning of the next PBN/TF meeting.

This paper relates to –

Strategic Objectives:

A: *Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety*

C: *Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport – Foster harmonized and economically viable development of international civil aviation that does not unduly harm the environment*

Global Plan Initiatives:

GPI-5 RNAV and RNP (Performance-based navigation)

GPI-7 Dynamic and flexible ATS route management

GPI-10 Terminal area design and management

GPI-11 RNP and RNAV SIDs and STARs

GPI-12 Functional integration of ground systems with airborne systems

GPI-21 Navigation systems

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 There was inconclusive discussion at PBN/TF/8 precipitated by WP/07 on the future of the PBN Task Force, regarding the question of the Task Force's longevity and focus. The discussion did not confirm any major new tasks for the Task Force.

1.2 In 2013 all subordinate bodies to APANPIRG have to meet before mid-year, as APANPIRG /24 is being rescheduled to 24-26 June 2013, due to it being an ICAO Assembly year.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The original intention by the Secretariat was to hold the PBN/TF/10 meeting in February 2013 at Bangkok, as the Secretariat can only support one PBN/TF meeting a year at best since responsibility for the Task Force had been assigned to the ATM Section. However, with the compressed meeting schedule in the first six months of 2013, it was appropriate to consider conducting PBN/TF/10 in late 2012 instead.

2.2 The planned PBN implementation Workshop Special Implementation Project would utilize the services of experts from the Asia/Pacific Region to conduct this training focused on Pacific States that wish to develop their PBN State Plan. The Regional Office is assessing locations for this event in the South Pacific during the first or second week of December 2012. As the experts that are likely to conduct this course are integral to the PBN Task Force, it is appropriate to consider that a customized 2.5 day PBN Workshop could be followed by a 2.5 day PBN Task Force Meeting.

2.3 The Secretariat is thus recommending that, subject to the location being confirmed by candidate States, the PBN Workshop be tentatively planned from 3-5 December 2012, followed by the PBN TF/10 from 5-7 December 2012.

2.4 The Secretariat has not planned to support a PBN Task Force meeting following APANPIRG/24 in 2013, so it is possible that the next meeting would not be until early 2014, or PBN/TF/10 could be the last meeting if it is felt that there were insufficient reasons to justify continuation of the Task Force. Recalling that the Regional Guidance Material has matured to a considerable extent, and that PBN/TF/1 was held in January 2008, the Task Force members should consider if this body needs to continue, consistent with instructions from APANPIRG for Task Forces to be terminated after key tasks had been completed.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) agree that the PBN/TF/10 be conducted during early December after the PBN Workshop, subject to the host State's approval;
- c) discuss whether PBN/TF/10 should be the last planned Task Force meeting;
and
- d) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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