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**Third Meeting of the Asia Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Team (APRAST/3)**  
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**Agenda Item 4: Review of RASG APAC/2 Decisions and the work of APRAST and its subsidiary bodies**

**FOREIGN AIR OPERATOR SURVEILLANCE DATABASE PROGRAMME**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper provides an update on the implementation of the FAOSD Programme, the results of the 1st FAOSD Programme training held in ICAO Bangkok Regional Office from 17 to 21 September 2012 and its current status.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Recognizing the need and importance of sharing safety data the 45<sup>th</sup> DGCA conference held in 2008 requested the ICAO Asia and Pacific Regional Office to develop a database for the voluntary sharing of ramp inspection data among APAC member States. This paper provides an update on the progress of the FAOSD programme.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 Following the request by the DGAC Conference the ICAO APAC office in close coordination with ICAO Headquarters adapted the FAOSD that is in use at the ICAO South American Office in Lima for use by the APAC States.

2.2 This programme is based on ramp safety inspections of aircraft, conducted within the legal framework stipulated in Article 16 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, “Search of Aircraft”, which states that: “The appropriate authorities of each of the contracting States shall have the right, without unreasonable delay, to search aircraft of the other contracting States on landing or departure, and to inspect the certificates and other documents prescribed by this Convention and the SARPs on Foreign Air Operator Surveillance addressed in Annexes 6, 7, 8, 16 and 18 of the Convention.

2.3 A “Manual of Procedures and Use of the FAOSD Programme” was circulated among APAC member States for review and comments by the APAC States. All the comments received were taken in to consideration during the first FAOSD training programme conducted at ICAO APAC Regional Office facilities from 17 to 21 September 2012.

2.4 During the training programme conducted in September 2012 it was evident that the FAOSD adapted by the APAC office contained too many software glitches that would make it unsuitable to meet the APAC needs.

2.5 At RASG APAC/2 held in New Delhi India from 08 to 09 October 2012 the Secretariat presented WP 14 to invite any States/ Administrations having the capacity and willing to assist the ICAO APAC office with addressing the software problems associated with the FOASD programme to inform the ICAO APAC office.

2.6 The Republic of Korea (ROK) graciously offered to assist the ICAO with addressing the software problems associated with FAOSD and sent a team of experts on a two day assessment mission from 02 to 03 December 2012 to the ICAO APAC Office in Bangkok Thailand.

2.7 The ROK submitted its mission report in early 2013 suggesting the two options listed below for consideration by the ICAO.

2.7.1 *To modify the existing programme taking 5 to 6 months for completion.*

2.7.2 *To develop a new programme taking approximately 6 months for completion.*

2.8 After carefully weighing the pros and cons of both options ICAO APAC office decided to go with option two.

2.9 Currently ICAO and ROK are in the process of finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) before ROK commence the work on developing the new FAOSD.

2.10 The programme is expected to be completed towards the last quarter of 2013 and the first training programme will be scheduled towards the end of 2013.

### 3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the:

- a) benefits of the FAOSD programme;
- b) Progress on the implementation of FAOSD;
- c) possible dates for the first training programme; and
- d) Consider joining the programme.

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