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**EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE METEOROLOGY
SUB-GROUP (MET SG/18) OF APANPIRG**

ICAO Regional Sub-Office, Beijing, China
18 – 21 August 2014

Agenda Item 3: Review outcomes from ICAO global groups

REVIEW OUTCOMES OF METWSG/5

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents a summary of outcomes from the Fifth Meeting of the Meteorological Warnings Study Group, held in Montréal, Canada, from 20 to 21 June 2013.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Fifth Meeting of the Meteorological Warnings Study Group (METWSG/5) was held in Montréal, Canada, from 20 to 21 June 2013. The participation of twenty-six (26) experts from ten (10) ICAO Member States, Eurocontrol, the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), provided the group the opportunity to address issues concerning the effectiveness of SIGMET and aeronautical meteorological warning information in meeting current and evolving global and regional operational requirements.

1.2 All available documentation pertaining to METWSG/5 is at the following website: <http://www.icao.int/safety/meteorology/METWSG/Pages/default.aspx>.

2. Discussion

2.1 The group is reminded that METWSG meetings have been held once every eighteen months (approx.) since the first meeting (METWSG/1) in November 2007. They necessarily serve as an integral part of the METWSG coordination and work programme where agreed actions related to the development of proposals, provisions and guidance on the provision of information for hazardous meteorological conditions, SIGMET and warning information are adopted and progress on the METWSG deliverables is monitored and reported.

2.2 With reference to the METWSG/5 discussions, agenda items 1 to 4 addressed meeting organizational matters; agenda items 5 and 6 principally addressed SIGMET-related proposals and aerodrome warnings; agenda item 7 addressed the necessary review and update of the group's deliverables; and agenda item 8 addressed any other business: principally a proposal to update Annex 3 relating to the interpretation of uncertainty in the provision of meteorological information.

2.3 Outcomes from METWSG/5 included the adoption of twenty six (26) agreed actions aimed at furthering the development of proposals related to the provision of information for hazardous meteorological conditions and SIGMET, and Annex 3 provisions and guidance material related to SIGMET, AIRMET, aerodrome warnings and related information. The group is reminded that follow-up to METWSG/5 Action Agreed 5/4 – *Regional SIGMET guide template* included the development of a regional SIGMET guide template, including its alignment with Amendment 76 to Annex 3, which was made available at the ICAO Regional Offices to assist in the issuance or updating of regional SIGMET guides in the ICAO Regions.

2.4 The full report of the METWSG/5 discussions and the agreed action table is available at the website listed at 1.2, above.

3. Action by the Meeting

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this paper.
