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**NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE METEOROLOGY SUB-GROUP  
(MET SG/19) OF APANPIRG**

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**Agenda Item 3: Review outcomes from other ICAO groups**

**REVIEW OF APANPIRG/25**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents a MET-related summary of the Twenty Fifth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG/25).

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The Twenty Fifth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG/25) was held at Hotel Renaissance Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 8 to 11 September 2014.

1.2 A copy of the report from APANPIRG/25, as well as all related meeting documentation, is available (via the Secure Portal) at the following website: <http://www.icao.int/APAC/Pages/apanpirg.aspx>.

**2. Discussion**

2.1 Outcomes from APANPIRG/25 discussions included a total of 41 Conclusions that deal with matters which, in accordance with the Group's Terms of Reference, require the attention of States or actions by ICAO in accordance with established procedures, and 10 Decisions that deal with matters of concern only to the APANPIRG and its contributory bodies. These included at least 9 Conclusions and 5 Decisions that can be considered of direct or indirect relevance to the MET SG, For quick reference, these are copied below:

**Conclusion 25/2** – APAC Regional Air Navigation Priorities and Targets

**Conclusion 25/3** – Air Navigation Report Forms (ANRFs) and Responsibility Matrix

**Conclusion 25/4** – Seamless ATM Implementation Guidance

**Conclusion 25/14** – Access to ICAO Annexes and Documents

**Conclusion 25/43** – Promote Understanding of SWIM in APAC Region

**Conclusion 25/45** – Improvement of OPMET Data Format

**Conclusion 25/46** – Improvement of OPMET Data Availability for Aerodromes Listed in ANP FASID Table MET 2A

**Conclusion 25/48** – APAC MET/ATM Seminar

**Conclusion 25/49** – Update of ATM/AIS/SAR, AOP, CNS and MET Deficiency List

**Decision 25/1** – Development of the New APAC eANP

**Decision 25/10** – ATFM/SG Terms of Reference

**Decision 25/12** – Amend Regional ATM Contingency Plan Task Force (RACP/TF) Terms of Reference

**Decision 25/47** – Establishment of a Volcanic Ash Exercises Steering Group in the APAC Region

**Decision 25/50** – APANPIRG Contributory Bodies Structure Review Task Force (ABSRTF)

2.2 With respect to Conclusions 25/2, 25/3 and 25/4, concerning adoption of Regional Air Navigation Priorities and Targets, Air Navigation Report Forms (ANRFs) and Responsibility Matrix and Seamless ATM Implementation Guidance, these are discussed further in MET SG/18 – IP/07, IP/06 and IP/08.

2.3 With respect to Conclusion 25/14, the Secretariat urged States to ensure that all personnel having responsibility for the origination, reception, management and/or distribution of aeronautical information and aeronautical data have full access to the relevant ICAO Annexes and Documents, either in up-to-date hard copy form or by arranging internet access through the ICAO Secure Portal (State letter xxx, dated xx/xx/xx, refers).

2.4 With respect to Conclusion 25/43, ICAO is invited to promote understanding of SWIM through organizing seminars/workshops with focus on both technical and operational aspects for SWIM development in the Asia Pacific Region. This relates to the ROBEX WG/13 proposed Draft Conclusion 13/4 – *Capacity building workshop to facilitate planning and implementation of digital exchange of aeronautical meteorological information*, which is discussed further in MET SG/18 – WP/22.

2.5 With respect to Conclusions 25/45 and 25/46, the Secretariat invited States concerned to ensure that the referred OPMET information is produced and its quality assured in accordance with Annex 3 provisions and disseminated through the regional OPMET bulletin exchange scheme responsible for the APAC Region as a matter of urgency, in view of ensuring the quality and onward availability of the OPMET information on SADIS and WIFS, and hence to users around the world (State letter Ref.: T 4/3.2.6: AP030/15MET, dated 16 February 2015, refers).

2.6 With respect to Conclusion 25/48, Japan hosted the ICAO APAC MET/ATM seminar and Fourth Meeting of the Meteorological Requirements Task Force (MET/R TF/4) in Tokyo from June 29 – 3 July 2015. This is discussed further in MET SG/18 – IP/21.

2.7 With respect to Conclusion 25/49, APANPIRG/25 updated the list of air navigation deficiencies in the MET field based on input provided by States at the meeting. This is further discussed in MET SG/18 – WP/03.

2.8 With respect to Decision 25/1, MET SG/18 is expected to review the MET parts of the draft new APAC ANP presented in MET SG/18 – WP/04 before submission to, and possible adoption by, APANPIRG/26.

2.9 With respect to Decisions 25/10 and 25/12, to promote effective coordination between ATM and MET on common issues of importance, the terms of reference of the Air Traffic Flow Management Steering Group (ATFM/SG) and the APAC Regional ATM Contingency Plan Task Force (RACP/TF), under the APAC ATM Sub-Group, were revised to specify the links between the ATFM/SG and the MET/R TF, and the RACP/TF and the MET/H TF.

2.10 With respect to Decision 25/47, the Philippines hosted the first meeting of the ICAO APAC volcanic ash exercises steering group (VOLCEX/SG/1) in Manila from 27 to 29 May 2015. As a result, the first ICAO APAC volcanic ash exercise (VOLPHIN15/01) will be conducted on 11 August 2015. The next meeting, VOLCEX/SG/2, will be held in Bangkok from 14 to 16 September 2015 and will include a debrief for VOLPHIN15/01 and planning for the next ICAO APAC volcanic ash exercise/s. This is discussed further in MET SG/18 – IP/13.

2.11 With respect to Decision 25/50, the Second Meeting of the APANPIRG Contributory Bodies Structure Review Task Force (ABSRTF/2) was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 24 to 25 June 2015 to review of the Terms of Reference and activities of the APANPIRG Contributory Bodies and propose rationalization of the APANPIRG structure to meet the changing environment. This is discussed further in MET SG/18 – IP/19.

### **3. Action by the Meeting**

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

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