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Agenda Item 2: Update on ICAO initiatives

ICAO APAC COMBINED ACTION TEAM

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper reports on the initiative undertaken by ICAO Asia Pacific Regional Office to assist APAC States in improving ICAO USOAP audit Effective Implementation rate.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Asia Pacific region has an average USOAP audit Effective Implementation (EI) rate of 59.18%. Nineteen States in the region have lower EI below the global average of 60%. The Asia Pacific Combined Action Team (CAT) programme is an initiative of the ICAO Asia Pacific Regional Office aiming at providing assistance to States with low EI so that they could attain the most readily achievable improvement. For this purpose, ICAO has invited voluntary champion States and International Organizations to join the CAT missions. This programme is in support of ICAO's No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The CAT typically comprises four to five experts. The composition is customised to address the weak areas of a State. The CAT mission is usually of one-week duration and will focus on the following:

- Assessments and gap analysis
- Capacity building
- Training - Understanding the USOAP audit protocol questions (PQs) and expectations
- Workshop on use of CMA Online Framework (OLF)
- Expert advice and guidance on Implementation

2.2 The ICAO Regional Office is targeting 10 States this year and hopes to achieve the following:

- a) It is expected that EIs in eight States would be improved by 10-15% within one year after the CAT missions.
- b) Seven States out of 10 would have EIs above the global EI by mid-2018.

- c) All 10 States would start using the OLF and update it with their CAPs regularly by 2017.
- d) These CAT missions would strengthen the link between ICAO and the States which would definitely help in improvement of implementation of ICAO SARPs as well as response to State letters.
- e) The Regional Officer (Mentor) assigned to the State would be responsible for following up with the State on the progress made after the mission and the State in turn can also approach the Mentor for assistance and clarification.
- f) Based on the feedback from the States, a second visit to the States may be made.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to note the CAT initiative of the ICAO Regional Office.

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