



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**First Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Regional Search and Rescue Working Group  
(APSAR/WG/1)**

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**Agenda Item 6: APSAR/WG Task List**

**APSAR/WG TASK LIST**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents the APSAR/WG Task List and Terms of Reference for review.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The APSAR/WG is required to periodically review the tasks assigned to it or developed within the APSAR/WG itself, as well as the relevancy of tasks within the context of its Terms of Reference (TOR).

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The APSAR/WG TOR is appended as **Attachment A** to this paper.

2.2 A Task List template is appended as **Attachment B** to this paper to capture new tasks arising from the meeting.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to review the:

- a) Terms of Reference at **Attachment A**; and
- b) Task List at **Attachment B**.

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## **Terms of Reference**

### **Asia/Pacific Search and Rescue Workgroup** **(APSAR/WG)**

#### **Objective**

1 In collaboration with affected stakeholders and in close cooperation with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the objective of the Asia/Pacific Search and Rescue Workgroup is to promote the enhancement and improvement of SAR facilities and services within the Asia/Pacific Region and adjacent regions, in accordance with:

- a) Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation; and
- b) the International Aeronautical and Maritime SAR Manual (IAMSAR).

2 The APSAR/WG will be expected to enhance SAR capability within the Asia/Pacific Region by:

- a) making recommendations for improvement to the Asia/Pacific SAR Plan; and
- b) providing advice and information, including recommendations for effective implementation of SAR improvements.

#### **Tasks**

3 To meet its objectives, the APSAR/WG shall:

- a) review the current status of SAR preparedness of Asia and Pacific Region States;
- b) review State SAR Arrangements for commonality with those of neighbouring States to facilitate SAR coordination and cooperation across regional boundaries;
- c) monitor outcomes from APANPIRG ATM/SG, other ICAO Region SAR groups, ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group (JWG) and related forums for issues that may affect the APAC Region;
- d) monitor sub-regional and/or regional SAREX as appropriate;
- e) analyse procedures in use in other ICAO Regions, and cooperate with other groups which are involved with similar work in adjacent airspaces, in order to achieve harmonized inter-regional solutions;
- f) identify areas where SAR planning and preparedness requires improvement in terms of compliance with Annex 12, the IAMSAR Manual and accepted best practice; and
- g) make recommendations for improvement and implementation of SAR systems.

#### **Reporting**

4 The APSAR/WG reports to the ATM Sub-group of APANPIRG. A line of communication will be provided to the IMO on APSAR/WG outcomes where necessary.

#### **Membership**

5 The membership of the APSAR/WG is open to States and administrations that have the responsibility for the provision of SAR services and facilities within the Asia/Pacific, related international organizations, IMO and ICAO. The membership is also open to participants from outside the Asia/Pacific or organisations that can contribute to APSAR/WG by invitation from APSAR/WG (such as Cospas-Sarsat and military organizations that can facilitate SAR operations).

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Attachment B

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**APSAR/TF - TASK LIST**

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<b>ID</b>	<b>Task Name</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Expected Finish Date</b>	<b>Resource Names/Remarks</b>
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