

**AGENDA ITEM 6: DEVELOP FUTURE WORKS
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Increasing the Efficiency and Effectiveness of PIRGS

6.1 The Meeting noted that the President of the Council of ICAO expressed concerns with regard to the role and activities of PIRGs. The President indicated that, for some time now, he had noticed that the deficiencies listed in some PIRG reports had not changed much and seemed to be carried over from one report to another. Among other issues, the President made a reference to the size of certain PIRG reports and questioned the justification for annual PIRG meetings, as well as their cost efficiency. The President suggested that perhaps more time should be allowed between PIRG meetings to develop issues on the basis of which the PIRGs could meet. He stated that he would like to see the PIRGs focus more on implementation issues rather than planning aspects and acknowledged that, to do that, it may be necessary to revise the terms of reference of PIRGs.

6.2 Against this background, the meeting reviewed the role and working methods of APANPIRG. In relation to size of the reports of APANPIRG meetings, it should be borne in mind that the reports are developed essentially to serve the needs of States, and that the present format and style appeared, generally, to meet their requirements. The meeting agreed with view of the Commission to continue to provide the complete report of APANPIRG meetings that will contain all the appendices and related guidance material.

6.3 The meeting noted that the demands on PIRGs have been changing; APANPIRG had adopted a wider range of responsibilities and expanded their role and activities in the regional planning process. In relation to periodicity and duration of APANPIRG meetings, it was brought out that this aspect is always determined taking into account the established criteria such as the additional responsibilities delegated from RAN meetings to PIRGs, the need to allow enough time for development between each PIRG meeting and the need to conduct activities in the most cost effective manner with the minimum of formality and documentation. The meeting confirmed that the periodicity and duration of APANPIRG meetings are appropriate as it provides continuity, value, flexibility and focus in ensuring the implementation of regional air navigation systems. The participating States and International organizations, in offering full commitment to APANPIRG, expressed its confidence in the mechanism, work programme and productivity of the PIRG and also commended the role of the Regional Office in this context. The meeting agreed to defer the inclusion of AVSEC matters in the work program of APANPIRG.

6.4 With the above in mind and responding to the concerns expressed by the President of the Council, the meeting considered necessary to revise the terms of reference of APANPIRG. The revised draft terms of reference, available at **Appendix A to the Report on Agenda Item 6** takes into account all aspects in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of APANPIRG. Accordingly the meeting formulated the following Conclusion:

Conclusion 14/52 - Revised Terms of Reference of APANPIRG

That, ICAO Council approves the revised Terms of Reference of APANPIRG, available at Appendix A to the Report on Agenda Item 6.

Strengthening the Regional Office Resources

6.5 In discussing the future work programme of APANPIRG, the meeting expressed concern with regard to lack of Regional Office resources, in particular the vacant positions in ATM and AIS/MAP. The meeting in extending full support for strengthening the regional office formulated the following conclusion.

Conclusion 14/53 - Filling up key vacant posts in the ASIA/PAC Regional Office

That, the ASIA/PAC Regional Office resources be strengthened by filling up the ATM and AIS/MAP vacant positions.

Schedule of Future Meetings

6.6 The meeting, in noting that the 35th Session of the Assembly will be held in Montreal in October 2004, agreed that the tentative schedule of meetings for 2004 and 2005 shall be as follows:

2004

DRTF/2	Feb 2004	Bangkok
ADS-B Task Force	Mar 2004	Bangkok
ATN Transition Task Force	Apr 2004	Indonesia
Future Directions Task Force	Apr 2004	Bangkok
ATS/AIS/SAR SG/14	17-21 May 2004	Bangkok
CNS/MET SG/8	12-16 Jul 2004	Bangkok
CNS/ATM IC SG/11	26-30 Jul 2004	Bangkok
APANPIRG/15	Aug 2004	Bangkok

2005

ATN Transition Task Force	Apr 2005	TBD
ATS/AIS/SAR SG/15	Jun 2005	Bangkok
CNS/MET SG/9	Jul 2005	Bangkok
CNS/ATM ICSG/12	Jul 2005	Bangkok
APANPIRG/16	Aug 2005	Bangkok

6.7 The meeting decided on the following provisional agenda for the next meeting:

Provisional Agenda for APANPIRG/15

Item 1: Review of Council and ANC actions on APANPIRG/13 Report

Item 2: ASIA/PAC Air Navigation System and Related Activities

- 2.1 ATS/AIS/SAR Matters
- 2.2 CNS/MET Matters
- 2.3 Other Air Navigation Matters

Item 3: CNS/ATM Implementation and Related Activities

Item 4: Deficiencies in the Air Navigation fields

Item 5: Review of Outstanding Conclusions and Decisions of APANPIRG

Item 6: Develop Future Works Programme

Item 7: Any other business

**[REVISED] TERMS OF REFERENCE ~~{AND OTHER PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO}~~ [FOR]
THE
ASIA/PACIFIC AIR NAVIGATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP
(APANPIRG)**

1. ~~{Role of the group}~~ [The Terms of Reference of the Group are:]

~~{1.1 The provisions described hereunder shall be applicable to the ASIA/PAC Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG).}~~

2. Terms of reference of the APANPIRG

2.1 The objectives of the group are to:

~~a) ensure the}~~

[a)]to ensure continuous and coherent development of the [Asia/Pacific Regional] ~~{plans for Asia/Pacific Regions and ensure harmonization with global plan and those of adjacent regions;}~~

~~b) develop proposals for improvements in the implementation of the ASIA/PAC} Air Navigation Plan {on the basis of new technological developments;}~~ **[and other relevant regional documentation in a manner that is harmonized with adjacent regions, consistent with ICAO SARPs and reflecting global requirements;]**

~~{c) identify specific problems}~~

[b) to facilitate the implementation of air navigation systems and services as identified in the Asia/Pacific Regional Air Navigation Plan with due observance to the primacy of air safety, regularity and efficiency; and

c) to identify and address specific deficiencies] in the air navigation field ~~{and propose in appropriate form, action aimed at solving these problems; and}~~ [.]

~~{d) develop, with due regard to the primacy of safety, business cases for various options taking into account the environmental benefits and the need to facilitate financing of preferred options in planning and implementation of air navigation facilities.}~~

[2. In order to meet the Terms of Reference, the Group shall:]

~~{2.2 In order to meet these objectives the group shall:~~

~~a) keep under}~~

[a)]review, and propose when necessary[,the] target dates for implementation of facilities, services and procedures{. This will} [to] facilitate the coordinated development of the Air Navigation {System} [Systems] in the {Asia and Pacific Regions} [Asia/Pacific Region];

- b) assist the ICAO ~~{regional office providing services in the Asia and Pacific Regions in its assigned task of fostering }~~**[Asia/Pacific Regional Office in fostering the]** implementation of the ~~{ASIA/PAC}~~ **[Asia/Pacific]** Regional Air Navigation Plan;
- c) ~~{monitor developments in the air navigation field and develop proposals for consequential improvements in air navigation in the Asia and Pacific Regions;}~~
[in line with the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), facilitate the conduct of any necessary systems performance monitoring, identify specific deficiencies in the air navigation field, especially in the context of safety, and propose corrective action;]
- ~~{d) review any shortcomings in the Asia and Pacific}~~
[d) facilitate the development and implementation of action plans by States to resolve identified deficiencies, where necessary;
- e) **develop amendment proposals to update the Asia/Pacific]** Regional Air Navigation ~~{System and develop recommendations for remedial action;}~~ **[Plan to satisfy changes in the operational requirements;]**
- ~~{e) originate, as necessary, in coordination with affected State, amendments to the Plan for the ASIA/PAC Regions;}~~
- [f) monitor implementation of air navigation facilities and services and where necessary, ensure interregional harmonization, taking due account of environmental benefits and financing issues;]**
- ~~{f) keep under}~~
- [g) examine human resource planning and training issues and propose where necessary human resource development capabilities in the region that are compatible with the Asia/Pacific regional Air Navigation Plan;**
- h)]** review the Statement of Basic Operational Requirements and Planning Criteria~~{Recommend}~~ **[and recommend]** to the Air Navigation Commission such changes to them as may be required in the light of **[new]**developments **[in the air navigation field]**~~{mentioned in e); and};]~~
- ~~{g) use an appropriate mechanism to prepare cost/benefit analysis and business cases inclusive of environmental assessments and provide related guidance material in support of “prototype” sets of planned facilities and services. The group may utilize the services of}~~
- [i) invite]** financial institutions, on a consultative basis **as appropriate in the planning process;**
- j) maintain close cooperation with relevant organizations and State grouping to optimize the use of available expertise and resources; and**

- k) **conduct the above activities in the most efficient manner possible with a minimum of formality and documentation and call meetings of the APANPIRG when deemed necessary to do so.**

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