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Agenda Item 7: Aeronautical electronic magnetic spectrum utilization

**REGIONAL PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES AND RESULT OF
SECOND APT CONFERENCE PREPARATORY GROUP
MEETING FOR WRC 2007**

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents regional preparatory activities for WRC 2007 and states the need to comply with Action Items of DGCA Conference and Conclusion of APANPIRG to support ICAO Position. It is also proposed to update the List of Designated Contact person responsible for preparation for WRC 2007.

1. Introduction

1.1 The First Meeting of the Regional Preparatory Group for WRC-2007, Working Groups F and B of the Aeronautical Communications Panel (ACP) and the Spectrum Subgroup of the Navigation Systems Panel (NSP) was held in Bangkok from 17 to 25 February 2005.

2. Discussion

2.1 The meeting reviewed the draft ICAO Position for WRC 2007 in light of comments received from States and International Organizations on WRC Agenda Items 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.13, 1.16, 1.17, 1.20, 1.21 and 2. The meeting incorporated the comments and updated the draft ICAO Position for consideration by the ANC and Council. Subsequently, the Council has approved the updated ICAO Position. It will be sent to States during early August 2005.

Regional preparation for WRC-2007

2.2 The meeting noted the preparatory activities carried out in the ICAO ASIA/PAC Office. It was noted that the 41st Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Asia and Pacific Regions held in Hong Kong, China in November 2004 adopted the following action item:

Action Item 41/3 - The Conference strongly urged States to:

- a) nominate a focal point of contact responsible for preparation for WRC 2007 and provide the details to ICAO, if they have not already done so, and
- b) ensure active participation by aviation representatives at national and regional level discussions and to the extent possible incorporate ICAO position in the States position pertaining to spectrum protection paper to APT preparatory meetings and at WRC 2007

2.3 It was further noted that the APANPIRG/14 Meeting held in Bangkok from 4 to 8 August 2003 adopted the following Conclusion to initiate actions for preparation for WRC-2007.

Conclusion 14/24 - Preparation for World Radiocommunication Conference- 2007 (WRC-2007)

That, States

- a) assign high priority to aeronautical spectrum management;
- b) participate in the development of States' position for WRCs at the national level to ensure support to the ICAO position;
- c) ensure, to the extent possible that, aviation representatives are included in States delegations to the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Conference Preparatory Group meetings and at WRCs;
- d) to nominate an ICAO designated focal point or contact person for aviation issues related to the WRC-07; and
- e) ensure participation of the designated focal point or contact person at the ICAO Regional Preparatory Group Meetings for WRC-07, APT Conference Preparatory Group Meetings for WRC-07, and at WRC-2007.

2.4 The APANPIRG/15 meeting held in Bangkok from 23 to 27 August 2004 recognized that the two ICAO Regional Preparatory Group (RPG) meetings conducted for WRC-2003 at the ICAO ASIA/PAC Office in conjunction with the ACP Working Group F meetings were found to be very helpful and highly productive. It was therefore, supported that the First RPG meeting for WRC-2007 should be held in Bangkok in conjunction with ACP Working Group F Meeting during February 2005.

2.5 From these activities, the meeting agreed that all preparatory activities that could be undertaken by the Regional Office were in place. The list of contact points provided in Attachment to this paper was updated at the meeting.

Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Conference Preparatory Group Meetings for WRC-2007

2.6 The regional preparatory activities undertaken by the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) was also noted. It was noted, in particular, that the APT was developing the preliminary views for Regional Position for WRC-2007 for the ASIA/PAC Region. To achieve this goal, the APT was convening several APT Conference Preparatory Group (APG) meetings for WRC-2007 and extended invitation to Regional and International Organizations, including ICAO. It was stressed that at such meetings, in which ICAO normally was participating, representatives from civil aviation administrations should also be included in the national delegation to provide necessary support to the ICAO position.

2.7 The APT has planned to convene 5 APG meetings for the development of common proposals for WRC 2007. The first APT APG 2007-1 meeting was held in Bangkok from 11 to 12 November 2003. The objectives of the meeting were to review the APG activities for WRC-03 and results achieved at the conference, establish the APG new structure and plan for the preparatory work for WRC-07. ICAO observer presented an information paper on the areas of critical concern to aviation at WRC-07 and a preliminary timetable for the development of the ICAO position for WRC-07. The new APG structure and plan for the preparatory work have been established by the meeting.

2.8 The second meeting APG2007-2 was held in Bangkok from 28 February to 3 March 2005. The meeting was attended by 260 participants. The objectives of the meeting were to review the APG activities for WRC-2007, consider results of ITU-R studies available and develop APT preliminary views on WRC 2007 agenda items. ICAO Observer thanked APT Administrations for the support provided to the ICAO Position for WRC 2003 and presented an information paper on the draft ICAO Position for WRC 2007. Several members of the ACP WG F attended this meeting, in addition to representatives from the civil aviation administrations in the ASIA/PAC region. There was a general support to the draft ICAO Position.

2.9 The third APT meeting (APG 2007-3) will be held in February 2006 in Malaysia. The meeting will update APT provisional views and draft proposals on WRC-07 agenda items and consider possible APT common proposals to the PP-06 on potential related issues.

3. Action by the meeting

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- i) note the regional preparatory activities for WRC 2007;
- ii) continue to participate in accordance with the Action Item 41/3 of the DGCA Conference and Conclusion 14/23 of APANPIRG/14; and
- iii) update the List of Designated Contact Persons responsible for preparation for WRC 2007.

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