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**The Third Meeting of the Air Traffic Flow Management Task Force
(ATFM/TF/3)**

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Agenda Item 4: Operational Trial Arrangements

**AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR (AIC)
FOR ATFM OPERATIONAL TRIAL**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents details of the AIC issued as the first stage of the implementation of an operational ATFM trial.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The SCM ATFM/TF PMT meeting (Singapore, 10 & 11 August 2005) reviewed and updated the draft AIC that had been prepared by the Task Force, and included amendments that were agreed during the meeting.

1.2 The SCM ATFM/TF PMT meeting agreed that the AIC should be issued as soon as possible in order to provide the maximum notice of the commencement of the ATFM operational trial on 22 December 2005. The meeting requested that the Regional Office contact India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore and Thailand and request the issue of an AIC using the sample text that had been agreed by the meeting.

1.3 In respect of the drafting of a suitable AIP Supplement to support the operational trial, the meeting agreed that this work would be more usefully completed during ATFM/TF/3, at which point it was expected that the development of BOBCAT would be at a stage where interface and operational requirements could be appropriately defined.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 After concluding necessary coordination with Pakistan, who had been unable to attend the SCM ATFM/TF PMT meeting, the Regional Office transmitted letters dated 30 August 2005 (ref: AP-ATM0342) to India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore and Thailand on behalf of ATFM/TF. The letter from the Regional Office requested that AICs containing text similar to the sample text in the **Attachment** to this paper, as agreed by the SCM ATFM/TF PMT meeting, be issued by States as soon as possible.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

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

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Sample AIC Text

IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AIR TRAFFIC FLOW MANAGEMENT (ATFM) OPERATIONAL TRIAL OVER THE BAY OF BENGAL AREA AND SOUTH ASIA

1 Implementation of ATFM Operational Trial Procedures

- 1.1 This AIC serves as notice that States in the Bay of Bengal, Indian sub-continent and Pakistan areas have jointly agreed to implement an air traffic flow management operational trial. This trial will be conducted under the auspices of ICAO and will be focused on traffic operating across the Bay of Bengal area towards northern India and the Kabul FIR.
- 1.2 The tentative date for implementation of the ATFM operational trial is 22 December 2005. Details of the trial, including States involved, airspace concerned and procedures to be followed by operators will be promulgated in due course by AIP Supplement in accordance with the AIRAC cycle procedures.
- 1.3 It is anticipated that all westbound flights crossing defined points in the specified FIRs, including those operating in the Kabul FIR between 1900UTC and 2400UTC, will be required to participate in the ATFM operational trial.
- 1.4 Accordingly, all civil flights operating in the area concerned during the period that Flow management procedures are in force will be required to comply with specific flight planning requirements. These requirements will be detailed and published in appropriate AIP Supplements.
- 1.5 The results of the trial will be subject to review by ICAO, States and operators concerned.

2 Objectives of the ATFM Operational Trial

- 2.1 The ATFM operational trial is focused on the following objectives:
 - (a) Reduced ground delays at departure airports.
 - (b) An informed choice of routing and flight level selection.
 - (c) A reduction in the requirement for re-routing over the Indian sub-continent