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Subject No. 45: Policy and programme of ICAO for provision of air navigation facilities and services

**REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE
ALLPIRG/ADVISORY GROUP (ALLPIRG/5)**

SUMMARY

This paper discusses the review of C-WP/12688, a report on ALLPIRG/5, by the Air Navigation Commission, in accordance with a request by the President of the Council.

Action by the Council is in paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

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| * C-WP/12688 | * ALLPIRG/5 Report circulated |
| AN-WP/8133 | under cover of memorandum |
| * ANC 172-4 | PRES AK/1186 |
| Memorandum PRES AK/1209 | |

This working paper relates to Strategic Objectives A, B, C and D

*Principal references

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 11 May 2006, the President of the Council referred to the Air Navigation Commission for their review, C-WP/12688 which reported on the outcome, and follow-up to, the fifth meeting of the ALLPIRG/Advisory Group (ALLPIRG/5). This paper discusses the review, which took place in the Air Navigation Commission on 23 May 2006 (ANC 172-4) on the basis of AN-WP/8133.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Comments on topics covered by ALLPIRG/5

2.1.1 The Commission noted the agenda of the meeting and limited itself to comments on matters where either its view diverged from the opinion expressed by ALLPIRG/5 or where it felt it could offer additional elements for consideration.

2.2 **Agenda Item 2: Global Air Navigation Plan**

Framework for global planning

2.2.1 In response to the issue raised by ALLPIRG/5 that safety be adequately addressed in the global plan initiatives (GPIs), the Commission pointed out that GPIs are basically related to efficiency improvements, that safety issues would be addressed further in the proposed revision of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and that, consequently, appropriate global safety initiatives (GSIs) would be developed.

Role of PIRGs

2.2.2 Discussing proposed revision of the terms of reference of planning and implementation groups (PIRGs), the Commission reiterated that they should be aligned with the relevant Strategic Objectives while taking into account resources required by ICAO as well as by States. The Commission is expected to finalize the terms of reference of all PIRGs by the end of this year and report to the Council early next year.

On-line searchable ANP database

2.2.3 Continuing discussions on the Global Air Navigation Plan, the Commission agreed to make use of the on-line searchable air navigation plan (ANP) database using the ICAO geographic information system (GIS) portal in the development of next annual report to the Council on the subject of modernization of air navigation systems.

Environmental benefits of CNS/ATM systems

2.2.4 Concluding its deliberations on the Global Air Navigation Plan, the Commission agreed that, whereas it may be desirable for ICAO to undertake a study on the environmental benefits of the introduction of reduced vertical separation minimum (RVSM) (Conclusion 5/10 refers), such a task should be accorded low priority. The Commission also suggested that use be made of already available resources from recognized expert organizations in the regions.

2.3 **Agenda Item 5: Interregional coordination and harmonization**

Cost-recovery arrangements for RMAs

2.3.1 Subsequent to the review of the draft global approach to cost recovery of Regional Monitoring Agencies (RMAs) and a step-by-step procedure regarding the implementation of a cost-recovery arrangement by ALLPIRG/5, the Commission was informed that the methodology was finalized during the sixth meeting of the Air Navigation Services Economics Panel (ANSEP/6), held at ICAO Headquarters from 27 to 31 March 2006. It had been further vetted by the Air Transport Committee at the first meeting of its 178th Session on 21 April 2006 and transmitted to the members of the Council (PRES AK/1209) for comments, if any, by 2 June 2006. In the absence of comments by this deadline, the next step would be to send directives to PIRGs and Regional Offices for the implementation of the cost-recovery arrangements for RMAs.

Monitoring data link applications

2.3.2 With reference to the development of a business case for the establishment of a Global Central Reporting Agency (CRA) function, the Commission received clarification that it was necessary to for this issue be examined by the ASIA/PAC Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG) before ICAO Headquarters initiates any action on the subject.

Uniform Methodology

2.3.3 In relation to the resolution of long-standing deficiencies, the Commission supported the adoption of a proposal that calls for the implementation of a “last resort action” by all PIRGs when efforts to eliminate deficiencies prove unsuccessful after exhausting all alternatives (Conclusion 5/15 refers). However, the Commission observed that, instead of waiting for the application of the last resort action, PIRGs should explain the risk associated with each of the deficiency as soon it is identified. Accordingly, the Commission recommended that the Council add the following action under the column “Follow-up task” of Conclusion 5/15 reflected in Appendix to C-WP/12688: “Indicate the safety impact of every deficiency as soon as it is identified and publish in the table of deficiencies as well in the regional on-line database”.

Use of VSAT

2.3.4 With regard to establishment of very small aperture terminal (VSAT) networks, the Commission noted that, although development of such systems are encouraged, the need for more inter-State and interregional coordination and cooperation should be reinforced in order to avoid the proliferation of individual networks.

2.4 Review procedure for ALLPIRG reports

2.4.1 Concluding the discussion, the Commission observed that, in order to provide a more comprehensive review of the ALLPIRG reports to the Council, it would be more appropriate for the Commission to review the report first and then develop its report to the Council. This procedure would eliminate issuance of two Council working papers on the same subject as well as to provide better readability and understanding for the Council.

3. ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

3.1 The Council is invited to:

- a) note the comments of the Air Navigation Commission on the topics covered by ALLPIRG/5;
- b) take this working paper into account when it takes action on the conclusions of ALLPIRG/5 based on C-WP/12688; and
- c) agree to the revised procedure, in paragraph 2.4.1, for review of ALLPIRG reports.

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