1. Terms of reference:

The IAVWOPSG should:

a) provide advice and guidance to the Secretariat concerning the operation of the IAVW and its effectiveness in meeting current operational requirements;

b) develop proposals for the development of the IAVW in order to ensure that it continues to meet evolving operational requirements;

Note.— Such proposals for requirements should be made under ICAO procedures for the amendment of Annex 3.

c) assist the Secretariat in the coordination of the arrangements between the various international organizations comprising the IAVW;

d) coordinate with the SADISOPSG and WAFSOPSG regarding the inclusion of volcanic ash advisories and SIGMETs on the ICAO satellite broadcasts;

e) assist the Secretariat in the development of appropriate guidance material both for operations with volcanic ash in the atmosphere and also operations with volcanic ash deposited on aerodromes;

f) develop specific proposals for the provision of warnings for aerodrome management for deposition of volcanic ash on aerodromes;

g) provide advice and guidance to the Secretariat and the VAACs regarding the future ICAO IAVW and existing VAAC Websites, respectively;

h) provide advice to the Secretariat regarding the development of international arrangements for the provision of warnings to aircraft of radioactive materials, toxic chemicals in the atmosphere and space weather; and

i) make regular progress reports to the Air Navigation Commission.

2. Composition

The IAVWOPSG should comprise representatives from States providing the VAACs, other user States that provided members to the VAWSG, and representatives from International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Air Transport Association (IATA), International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations (ICCAIA), Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), International Federation of Air Line Pilots’ Associations (IFALPA), International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) (covering the International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth’s Interior (IAVCEI) and its commission the World Organization of Volcano Observatories (WOVO)), and World Meteorological Organization (WMO).