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Agenda Item 3

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**WHERE DOES APAC STAND
WITH THE BEIJING DECLARATION COMMITMENTS?**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

Through the adoption of the Beijing Declaration at the first APAC Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation in January 2018, all the Delegations committed to improve the Aviation Safety and Air Navigation Services. This paper is giving information on the current status of the States' commitments in the field of Aviation Safety for the APAC region.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Gathering at the first ICAO's APAC Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation in Beijing in January 2018, the Ministers in charge of civil aviation representing 36 governments endorsed the Beijing Declaration formalizing their shared commitments on high-priority aviation safety and efficiency objectives. They agreed to pursue cooperative progress on objectives relating to aviation safety oversight, State Safety Programme (SSP) implementation, airport certification, independence of accident investigation authority, the timely implementation of the Asia/Pacific Seamless Air Traffic Management Plan, and the sharing of information and best practices for air navigation and search and rescue services.

1.2 The Beijing Declaration can help the Civil Aviation Authority to make its Minister well aware of the current challenges and needs in human resources and funding to cope with the traffic growth. It also demonstrates High level commitment to public, industry and investors and can be used as benchmark with other States.

1.3 This paper, initially presented at the DGCA56 in Nepal, is proposing to review the current status of the APAC States' commitments in the field of Aviation Safety. Each commitment with the associated target will first be recalled. Then the way to measure the implementation progress will be defined and results will be provided. A short analysis will then follow to invite States to focus their efforts.

1.4 All the data used in this paper are the ones available in June 2019 and in October 2020. It is hoped that the COVID-19 pandemic will not jeopardize the commitments of States.

2. DISCUSSION

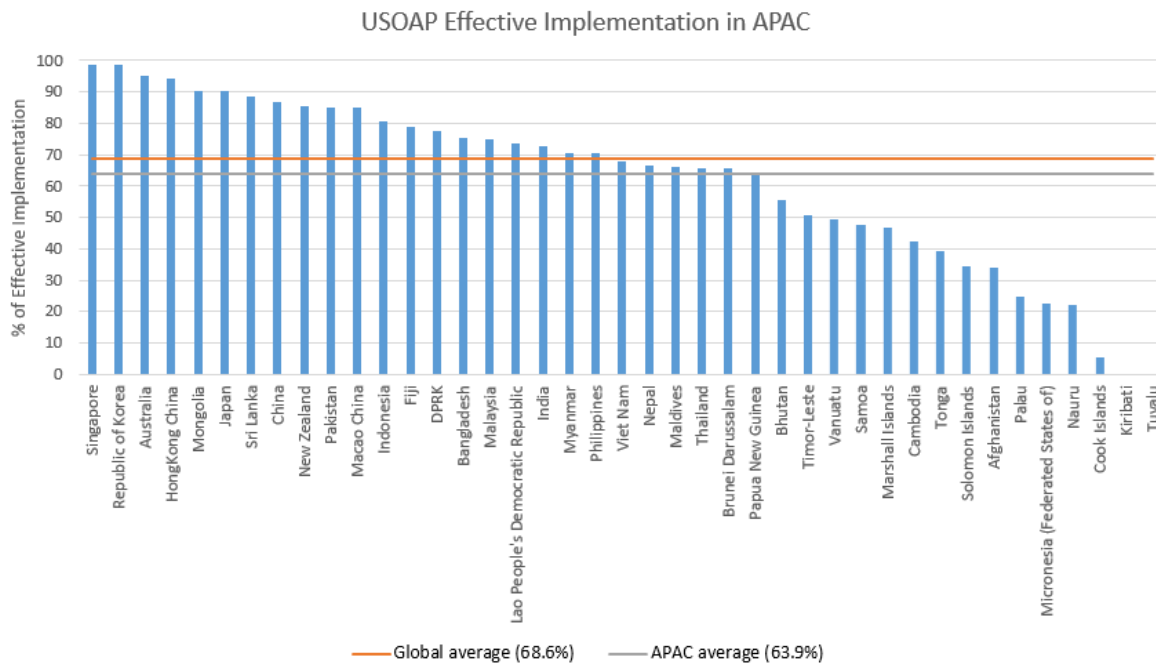
a) USOAP Effective Implementation (EI)

Commitment: “Progressively enhance safety oversight capability to achieve a USOAP EI score higher or equal to the global average by 2022”

Indicator: National Effective Implementation percentage

Source: iSTARS (USOAP Data Tables Implementation Indicators)

Current implementation:



Analysis:

From Jun 2019 to October 2020, the Global EI Average has increased from 68% to 68.6%, whereas the APAC EI average has grown from 63% to 63.9%. The APAC region is still below the Global average.

The last recent USOAP audits have shown the following progress:

State / EI %	Jun 2019	Oct 2020	USOAP conducted
Fiji	63.9	78.5	2019
Myanmar	70	70.7	2020
Thailand	41.5	65.9	2019
Tonga	34.2	39.3	2019
Afghanistan	-	34.7	2019

States are reminded to continue their efforts to achieve greater EI score. Special attention should be put on the part of the eight audit areas that have not been recently audited so that to prevent a reduction of the EI score at the next audit.

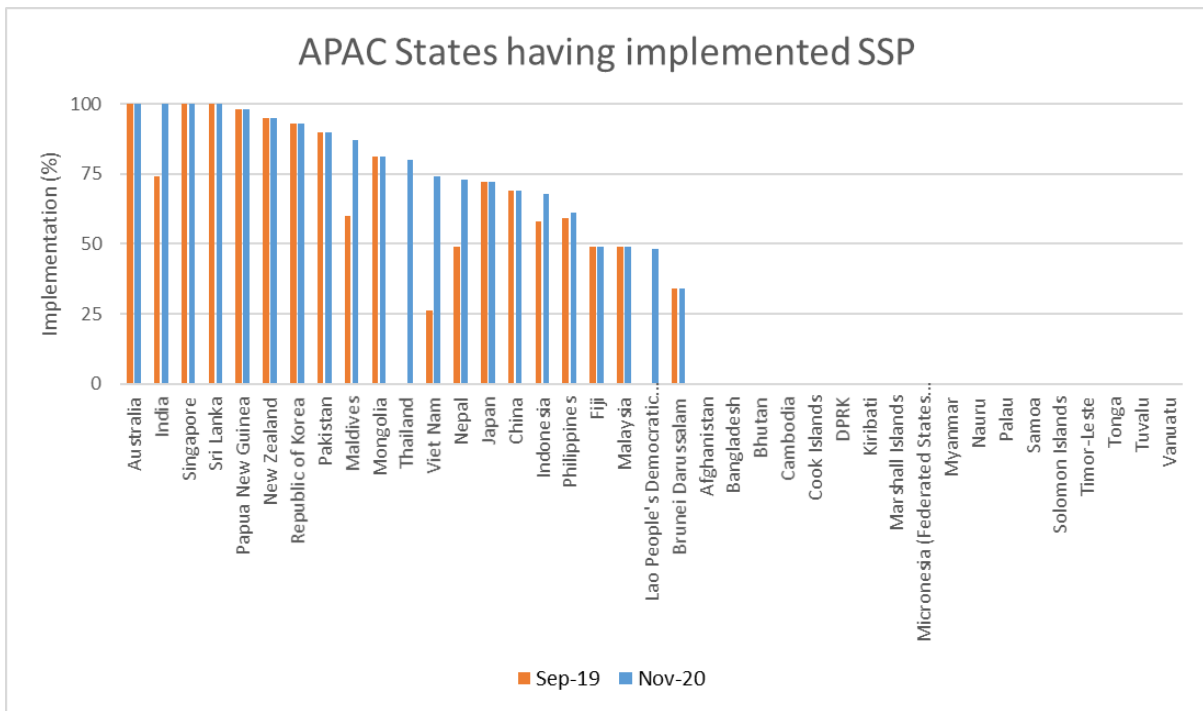
b) State Safety Programme (SSP)

Commitment: “Implement an effective SSP by 2025”

Indicator: National effective SSP implementation

Source: iSTARS (SSP Gap Analysis - SMM 4th Ed.)

Current implementation:



Analysis: Four States in APAC have completed their SSP implementation. 17 States are progressing on their SSP implementation. The other States are invited to take action so that all States have implemented SSP by 2025.

c) Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs)

Commitment: “Endeavour not to have any Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs) under the USOAP Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA), and to resolve any future SSCs within the time frame agreed with ICAO”

Current implementation: Two APAC States have a SSC.

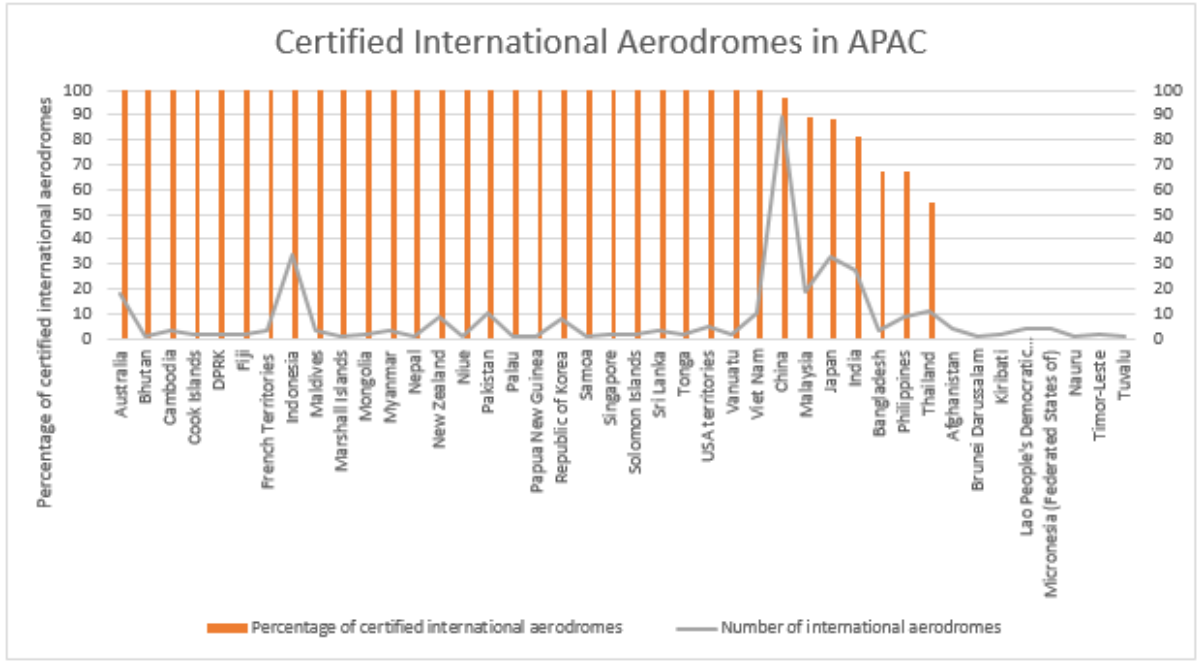
d) Certification of international aerodromes

Commitment: “Certify all aerodromes used for international operations by 2020”

Indicator: Number of international aerodromes and percentage of certified international aerodromes

Source: Aerodromes Operations and Planning Sub-Group (AOP/SG/4 in Nov 2020)

Current implementation:



Analysis:

In November 2020, 88% of aerodromes used for international operations were certified. The low increase compared to the 85% of last year can be explained as many airports have been identified to be used for international operations during this period. Today, 300 out of 342 aerodromes used for international operations are certified. 42 airports are yet to be certified. States are encouraged to expedite the certification of international aerodromes as the target is the end of 2020. States in need of technical assistance in aerodrome certification are encouraged to contact ICAO APAC Office or its corresponding COSCAP.

e) Accident Investigation

Commitment: “Commit to establish an accident investigation authority that is independent from State aviation authorities and other entities that could interfere with the conduct or objectivity of an investigation or where appropriate develop a bilateral, sub-regional or regional partnership to support the establishment of accident investigation capabilities to serve the region or sub-region.”

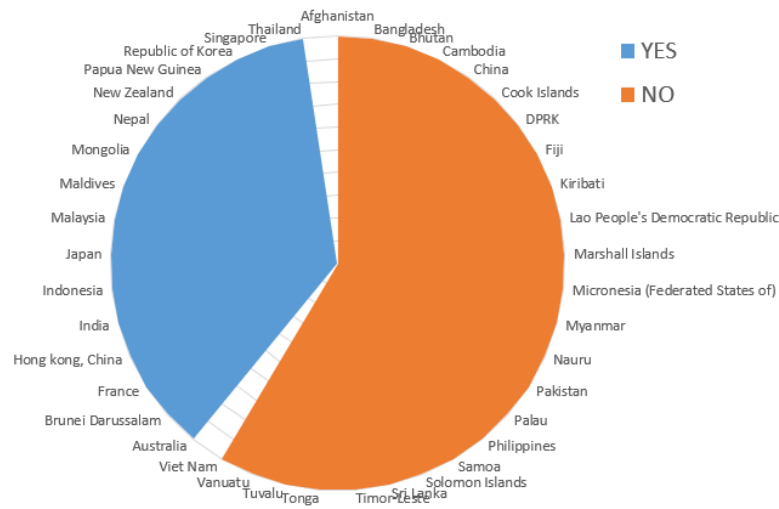
The inclusion of the following target has been added into the Asia Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AP-RASP) 2020-2022: “States should establish an independent aircraft accident and incident investigation authority (AIIA) as required by Annex 13, as well as related investigation system and procedures by 2022”

Indicator: Independent aircraft accident and incident investigation authority (AIIA)

Source: RASG-APAC monitoring mechanism and 8th Meeting of the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG/8)

Current implementation:

Independent aircraft accident and incident investigation authority (AIIA)



Analysis:

As of February 2020, 40% of APAC States/Administrations have established an independent aircraft accident and incident investigation authority (AIIA).

APAC States/Administrations are reminded to provide, through the RASG-APAC monitoring mechanism, update on their plan and progress pertaining to the establishment of an independent aircraft accident and incident investigation authority (AIIA) to meet the 2022 target.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the contents of the paper;
- b) Collaborate and work towards achieving targets of the Beijing Declaration.

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