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AVIATION SAFETY TEAM (APRAST/16)**

Bangkok, Thailand, 17 to 18 March 2021 on Virtual Platform

APRAST/16-WP/4
Agenda Item 4

Agenda Item 4: Update of RASG-APAC/9 and RASG-APAC/10 Decisions and Conclusions

**PROGRESS UPDATE OF THE RASG-APAC/9 & RASG/APAC/10 DECISIONS
AND CONCLUSIONS**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This Paper presents updates of the progress on the RASG-APAC/9 and RASG-APAC/10 Decisions and Conclusions.

Action by the Meeting is at Paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

This paper updates further progress and status of Decisions and Conclusions adopted at RASG-APAC/9 held in Bangkok from 7-8 November 2019 and RASG-APAC/10 held in Virtual Platform from 17-18 December 2020 due to COVID Pandemic travel restrictions.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 RASG-APAC/9 adopted eight Decisions and four Conclusions out of which 05 Decisions (9/1, 9/2, 9/5, 9/7 and 9/8), 01 Conclusion (9/4) and Decision RASG-APAC 8/6 were 'OPEN'. All of them have been now concluded and 'CLOSED' with updated status.

2.2 RASG-APAC/10 adopted eight Decisions and two Conclusions out of which six Decisions and Conclusions are proposed to be 'CLOSED' and four remain OPEN (Decision 10/3, 10/4, 10/6 and 10/8)

2.2 Status of the RASG-APAC/9 and RASG-APAC/10 Decisions and Conclusions can be found in **Attachment A & B** respectively to this paper.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) consider the updated progress and recommendation as indicated for each item in Attachment A & B, and, if agreeable, submit to next RASG-APAC/11 for endorsement; and
- b) continue to support RASG-APAC and APRAST activities.

List of Updated RASG-APAC/9 Decisions and Conclusions

| Decision Ref. | Description | Remarks |
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| <p>Decision RASG-APAC 8/6 — Update of RASG-APAC 2017/2018 Work Programme - WP/6</p> | <p>That, APRAST looks into a proposal to enable delegation of certain decision making from RASG-APAC to APRAST and table it for consideration and approval at RASG-APAC/9.</p> | <p>Closed.</p> <p><i>Decision 8/6 was referred to Decision RASG-APAC 9/5 and APRAST was tasked through Decision APRAST 15/12 presented through WP/19 on the Delegation of Certain Decision Making from RASG-APAC to APRAST.</i></p> <p><i>APRAST Co-Chairs as well as Subgroups Co-Chairs were supposed to work out a detailed framework for the empowerment of APRAST and its Working Groups to adopt Conclusions and Decisions, on mainly technical/operational matters, which was to be presented to RASG-APAC/10 for final approval; but due to the absence of APRAST Co-Chairs (State & Industry) till APRAST-16 Election of Co-Chairs, this will remain held up and be tabled in APRAST-17.</i></p> <p><i>Update : The Newly Elected Co-Chairs shall take up the tasks in APRAST-16.</i></p> |

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| <p>Decision RASG-APAC 9/1 — Terms of Reference (ToRs) of PIRGs and RASGs – WP/19</p> | <p>That, Secretariat to incorporate the Generic ToRs in the RASG-APAC Procedure Handbook and revise the other ToRs wherever necessary to align with the Generic ToRs.</p> | <p>Closed.</p> <p><i>Update :</i></p> <p><i>Refer to Decision APRAST 15/4 — Amendment of RASG-APAC Procedural Handbook – WP/14;</i></p> <p><i>RASG-APAC Handbook 2nd Edition was corrected and uploaded in ICAO-APAC Website in January 2021.</i></p> |

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Attachment A

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| <p>Decision RASG-APAC 9/2 — Review of Decisions and Conclusions adopted at APRAST/13 and APRAST/14 and its Progress (WP/4)</p> | <p>That, the Decisions and Conclusions adopted at APRAST/13 and APRAST/14 as described in Attachments A and B of WP-4 be endorsed.</p> <p>On Decision 14/9, the assessment of the inclusion of mid-air collision risk and wildlife hazards in the AP-RASP will be undertaken by APRAST.</p> | <p>Closed.</p> <p><i>Update :</i></p> <p><i>Refer to Decision APRAST 15/13 — Mid-Air Collision Risk Mitigation – WP/20</i></p> <p><i>MAC needs a thorough study and data analysis by SRP WG involving related APANPIRG Subgroups like RASMAG, APSHARE and then decide on developing any related SEI for MAC working with the SEI WG and present in APRAST-16 for updates.</i></p> <p><i>To be discussed during the SEI WG and SRP WG Break-Out Sessions of APRAST-16.</i></p> |
| <p>Decision RASG-APAC 9/3 — Review of progress of RASG-APAC/8 Decisions and Conclusions (WP/5)</p> | <p>That, the Meeting endorsed the recommendations of the 14 Decisions and 02 Conclusions of RASG-APAC/8 presented in Attachment A to WP/5.</p> | <p>Closed.</p> |
| <p>Decision RASG-APAC 9/4 — Progress of development of Annual Safety Report (WP/26)</p> | <p>That, RASG-APAC/9 endorsed the timeline considering the data integrity for Annual Safety Report 2019 and agreed the timeline of the Annual Safety Report 2020 as discussed in WP/26.</p> | <p>Closed.</p> |
| <p>Decision RASG-APAC 9/5 — APRAST sub groups empowerment to adopt Conclusions and Decisions (WP/28).</p> <p>Ref : Decision RASG-APAC 8/6 — Update of RASG-APAC 2017/2018 Work Programme - WP/6</p> | <p>That, APRAST Co-Chairs to work out a detailed framework for the empowerment of APRAST and its Working Groups to adopt Conclusions and Decisions, on mainly technical/operational matters, in their future meetings to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of APRAST processes and table it in RASG/10 for approval.</p> | <p>Closed.</p> <p><i>Decision 8/6 was referred to Decision RASG-APAC 9/5 and APRAST was tasked through Decision APRAST 15/12 presented through WP/19 on the Delegation of Certain Decision Making from RASG-APAC to APRAST.</i></p> |

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| | | <p><i>APRAST Co-Chairs as well as Subgroups Co-Chairs were supposed to work out a detailed framework for the empowerment of APRAST and its Working Groups to adopt Conclusions and Decisions, on mainly technical/operational matters, which was to be presented to RASG-APAC/10 for final approval; but due to the absence of APRAST Co-Chairs (State & Industry) till APRAST-16 Election of Co-Chairs, this will remain held up and be tabled in APRAST-17.</i></p> <p><i>Update : The Newly Elected Co-Chairs shall take up the tasks in APRAST-16.</i></p> |
| <p>Decision RASG-APAC 9/6 — Asia-Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AP-RASP) 2020-2022 (WP/7)</p> | <p>That, RASG-APAC/9 endorsed the contents of the AP-RASP and its associated implementation arrangements and approved the AP-RASP for the 2020-2022 triennium; and allowed the ICAO APAC Regional Office and AP-RASP ad-hoc WG to further refine the details of the document prior to publication by early 2020; and urged the administrator, custodians and all stakeholders to act upon their respective roles and adhere to the prescribed timelines in the AP-RASP.</p> | <p>Closed.</p> <p><i>Update : AP-RASP Published in March 2020.</i></p> |
| <p>Decision RASG-APAC 9/7 — RASG-APAC Yearly/Standing Work Programme 2019-2020 (proposed) [WP/29]</p> | <p>That, the proposed RASG-APAC 2019/2020 Yearly and Standing Work Programme is approved, as in Attachment 4 of this Report.</p> | <p>Closed.</p> <p><i>Update :</i></p> <p><i>Open items are incorporated in the Yearly Work Programme 2020/2021.</i></p> |

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| <p>Decision RASG-APAC 9/8 — Way Forward for APANPIRG and RASG-APAC – WP/22</p> | <p>That, the Chairperson decided that an assessment of the trial should be conducted by the Chairpersons and Vice-chairpersons of the two Groups after the first combined meeting, so as to determine the success of the combined meeting and whether it should continue from 2021 onwards.</p> | <p>Closed.</p> <p><i>Update:</i></p> <p><i>Refer to Decision APRAST 15/3 — 2020 Combined APANPIRG and RASG-APAC Meeting Evaluation Considerations – WP/11.</i></p> <p><i>The Combined APANPIRG and RASG-APAC Meeting for 2020 is postponed due to COVID-19. However, for future events, face to face combined meeting shall be assessed taking those criteria into considerations as presented in APRAST-15 WP-11. WP-15 was presented in the RASG-APAC/10 on the same issue and Conclusion RASG-APAC 10/2 was adopted as follows;</i></p> <p><i>“Considering the postponement of the trial combined APANPIRG-RASG-APAC meeting to 2022 or later, the Meeting agreed that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) The Chairpersons and Vice-chairpersons of APANPIRG and RASG-APAC utilize the considerations contained in RASG-APAC/10 WP-15 as well any other considerations received for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the trial combined meeting;</i> <i>b) In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the evaluation of the effectiveness of the combined meeting be postponed to 2022 or later; and</i> <p><i>A post-meeting survey possibly guided with content contained in RASG-APAC/10 WP-15 be conducted among the meeting delegates when the first combined meeting is conducted in-person.”</i></p> |

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| | | <i>Update : Hence Decision APRAST 15/3 is also Closed as the matter will be revived by the Secretariat when face to face meeting starts after 2022.</i> |
| Conclusion RASG-APAC 9/1 — Identification and Reporting of Common Challenges Experiences at the Regional Level (WP/20) | That, RASG-APAC and Subgroups to use the suggested template (as attached in Appendix A) of reporting the regional challenges. | Closed. <i>Update : Continue to follow the Appendix C of WP/9 of RASG APAC/8 for Regional Aviation Safety Priorities and Targets.</i> |
| Conclusion RASG-APAC 9/2 — Safety Information Monitoring System (SIMS) Ramp Inspections Data Sharing Project (WP/2) | That, Secretariat to follow up; a) issuing State Letter to encourage States/ Administration to subscribe for SIMS. b) with States/administration for the nomination/update of focal points. | Closed. <i>Update : State Letter has been issued on SIMS (ICAO-APAC State Letter Ref.: T 6/11.7 - AP110/20 (FS) of 15 May 2020).</i> |
| Conclusion RASG-APAC 9/3 — PIRGs and RASGs Global Symposium – Innovation (WP/23) | That, given the rapid pace of innovation in aviation and the important role that PIRGs and RASGs play in facilitating proper planning and facilitate the implementation of the relevant innovations in a coordinated and timely manner, it is imperative that: a) APAC States identify and propose innovation activities to ICAO that they are aware of in their State or Region that may be of global interest to facilitate planning by March 2020; b) Propose topics for discussion during PIRG/RASG Symposium related to innovation by March 2020; c) States plan participation in the PIRG/RASG Global Symposium and Second ICAO Innovation Fair to be held in Montréal tentatively from 26 to 30 October 2020; and | Closed. <i>Update : Decision noted. Less likely the Symposium will happen due COVID-19 travel restrictions.</i> |

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| | <p>The Chairpersons of RASG-APAC plan attendance of the first meeting of the ICAO PIRG/RASG Global Coordination Group, tentatively scheduled for 25 October 2020.</p> | |
| <p>Conclusion RASG-APAC 9/4 — ADREP Reporting (WP/14)</p> | <p>That, the Meeting request ICAO to consider the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) update the ADREP reporting system and address the lack of ADREP Data as reported by States; b) provide States with necessary guidance material and online tools to simplify ADREP reporting to ICAO; and c) provide guidance to States related to the use of media sources due to the lack of the availability of the ADREP data. | <p>Closed.</p> <p><i>It was considered in the Air Navigation Commission Meeting through the AN-WP/9399 dated 06 March 2020 in Para 2.20;</i></p> <p>“The WG/SRP noted in particular the Conclusion 9/4 related to the need for an updated Accident/Incident Data Reporting (ADREP) system, as well as guidance for States to use the tool and guidance related to the use of media sources. The Alternate Representative from Indonesia recalled this conclusion and highlighted other issues related to ADREP, such as: the background for the decision to stop the population of the database; the impact in Annex 13 — <i>Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation</i> requirements; proposed future updates of the ADREP database; as well as the unknown source for compilation of safety reports. The WG/SRP noted all the concerns raised and recalled that the issue related to ADREP was discussed during the review of the Accident Investigation Panel Report (ANC 213-8). At that time, the ANC requested that a specific item on this matter be added ANC work programme of the current session (Item 21338, <i>Review of the report on the analysis and proposed corrective action plan to address the availability of data in the Accident/Incident Data Reporting (ADREP) System</i>). The WG/SRP considered that it would be preferable to address all the ADREP related issues under that item at the proper time”.</p> |

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| | | <p><i>Update:</i></p> <p><i>WG/SRP has presented on the above subject to Air Navigation Commission on 11 February 2021 through AN-WP/9487, Paragraph 2.17.</i></p> |

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List of Updated RASG-APAC/10 Decisions and Conclusions

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| Decision RASG-APAC 10/1 — Progress of development of Annual Safety Report (WP/5) | That, RASG-APAC/10 endorsed the timeline considering the data integrity for Annual Safety Report 2020 and agreed the timeline of the Annual Safety Report 2021 as discussed in WP/5.. | Propose to be Closed. <i>Update in APRAST-16:</i> <i>SRP WG confirms the promulgation of ASR 2021 on time.</i> |
| Decision RASG-APAC 10/2 — Amendment of RASG-APAC Procedural Handbook (Second Edition) – WP/7 | That, RASG-APAC/10 endorsed and approved the RASG-APAC Handbook 2 nd Edition and requested the Secretariat to review and incorporate the minor changes as discussed during the meeting. | Propose to be Closed. <i>Update in APRAST-16:</i> <i>RASG-APAC Handbook 2nd Edition was corrected and uploaded in ICAO-APAC Website in January 2021.</i> |
| Decision RASG-APAC 10/3 — Updates on Beijing Declaration – WP/08 | That, States and Administrations are encouraged to take steps towards achieving the safety related targets set out in the Beijing Declaration, particularly in the areas of USOAP Effective Implementation, State Safety Programme implementation, certification of international aerodromes, and accident investigation. | Open <i>Update in APRAST-16:</i> <i>The planned Ministerial Conference in 2020 hosted by India was postponed due to COVID Pandemic. Secretariat to confirm the revised Date and Venue of the next Ministerial Conference and then prepare the Progress Report in coordination with APRAST updated till date which will presented by RASG Chair for the Safety related commitments in Beijing Declaration.</i> |
| Decision RASG-APAC 10/4 — Review of Decisions and Conclusions adopted at APRAST/15 and Progress (WP/9) | That, the Decisions adopted at APRAST/15 as described in Attachments A be endorsed. | Open <i>Update in APRAST-16:</i> There are seven items on APRAST Decisions ‘OPEN’ (APRAST Decision 15/5, 15/6, 15/9, 15/11, 15/12, 15/13, |

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| | | <i>15/14). APRAST will continue to work through APRAST-16 and update the status before RASG-APAC/11 again.</i> |
| Decision RASG-APAC 10/5 — Review of progress of RASG-APAC/9 Decisions and Conclusions (WP/10) | <p>That, the Meeting endorsed the recommendations of the 8 Decisions and 4 Conclusions of RASG-APAC/9 presented in Attachment A to WP/10.</p> | <p>Propose to be Closed.</p> <p><i>Update in APRAST-16:</i></p> <p><i>RASG-APAC/9 adopted eight Decisions and four Conclusions out of which 05 Decisions (9/1, 9/2, 9/5, 9/7, 9/8), 01 Conclusion (9/4) and Decision RASG-APAC 8/6 were ‘OPEN’. All of them have been now concluded and ‘CLOSED’ with updated status.</i></p> |
| Decision RASG-APAC 10/6 — Managing Aviation Safety Risks Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic (WP /21) | <p>That, RASG-APAC/10 recognized the need to address the aviation safety related risks arising from the COVID-19 pandemic; and requested the ICAO APAC Regional Office to conduct a survey on the key risks faced by States/ Administrations, the mitigating measures implemented as well as challenges faced, and to share the survey results at the next APRAST meeting to encourage exchange of best practices amongst States/Administrations. Singapore agreed to work with ICAO-APAC RO to develop the survey questionnaire.</p> | <p>Open.</p> <p><i>Update in APRAST-16:</i></p> <p><i>The Survey Questionnaire was prepared jointly by Singapore and Secretariat which is already circulated on 03 March 2021 to the States/Administration for their feedback by 12 April 2021. (Ref.: T 6/8.1.1 – AP040/21 (FS) 03 March 2021). All States/Admirations are urged to provide their views by 12 April 2021 to ascertain the regional risk summary out of the survey.</i></p> |
| Decision RASG-APAC 10/7 — The Safe Use of COVID-19 Vaccines for Aviation Medical Certificate Holders – WP/29 | <p>That, Secretariat will bring the concerns expressed in WP/29 to the ACCRPG Safety Sub Groups and Public Health Sub-Group encompassing the priority manpower to be vaccinated and address the safety concerns.</p> | <p>Propose to be Closed.</p> <p><i>Update in APRAST-16:</i></p> <p><i>The issue was presented in the ACCRPG and Safety Operational Measures Panel at HQ and expert panel at ICAO HQ shall take necessary measure to address the issue.</i></p> |

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| <p>Decision RASG-APAC 10/8 — RASG-APAC Yearly/Standing Work Programme 2019/2020 (proposed) [WP/29]</p> | <p>That, the proposed RASG-APAC 2020/2021 Yearly and Standing Work Programme is approved, as in Attachment 4 of this Report.</p> | <p>Open.</p> <p><i>Update in APRAST-16:</i></p> <p><i>There are four OPEN item in the Yearly Work Programme 2020/2021. APARST shall continue to work and update the progress in due course.</i></p> |
| <p>Conclusion RASG-APAC 10/1 — Follow-Up On WP/9 of APAC-AIG/7 (WP/4)</p> | <p>That, Secretariat is requested to follow-up with the proposal in WP/9 of APAC-AIG/7 by forwarding the WP to the attention of the Air Navigation Commission to consider including a provision in Annex 13 to make it explicit that States that received the draft final report for comments shall reply to the State conducting the investigation regarding their comments, if any, within the deadline.</p> | <p>Propose to be Closed.</p> <p><i>Update in APRAST-16:</i></p> <p><i>WG/SRP has presented on the above subject to Air Navigation Commission on 11 February 2021 through AN-WP/9487, Paragraph 2.18 on Annex-13 Amendment as proposed by RASG-APAC.</i></p> |
| <p>Conclusion RASG-APAC 10/2: Evaluation of Combined APANPIRG and RASG-APAC Meeting (WP/15)</p> | <p>What: Considering the postponement of the trial combined APANPIRG-RASG-APAC meeting to 2022 or later, the Meeting agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Chairpersons and Vice-chairpersons of APANPIRG and RASG-APAC utilize the considerations contained in RASG-APAC/10 WP-15 as well any other considerations received for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the trial combined meeting; b) In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the evaluation of the effectiveness of the combined meeting be postponed to 2022 or later; and | <p>Proposed to Close</p> <p><i>Update in APRAST-16:</i></p> <p><i>This Conclusion also Refer to Decision APRAST 15/3 — 2020 Combined APANPIRG and RASG-APAC Meeting Evaluation Considerations – WP/11.</i></p> <p><i>The Combined APANPIRG and RASG-APAC Meeting for 2020 is postponed due to COVID-19. However, for future events, face to face combined meeting shall be assessed taking those criteria into considerations as presented in APRAST-15 WP-11. WP-15 was presented in the RASG-APAC/10 on the same issue and Conclusion RASG-APAC 10/2 was adopted.</i></p> |

APRAST/16-WP/4
Attachment B

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| | A post-meeting survey possibly guided with content contained in RASG-APAC/10 WP-15 be conducted among the meeting delegates when the first combined meeting is conducted in-person. | <i>Update : Hence Decision APRAST 15/3 is also Closed as the matter will be revived by the Secretariat when face to face meeting starts after 2022.</i> |

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