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**Tenth Meeting of the Common aeRonautical Virtual Private Network Operations Group (CRV OG/10)**

Video Teleconference, 18 April 2022

**Agenda Item 2:** CRV contract management  
– Contract Extension**PROPOSAL TO EXTEND CRV CONTRACT**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

The paper presents the relevant outcomes of the first meeting of the ICAO CRV Steering Group to discuss the necessity of extending the current CRV contract and corresponding recommendations.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The Ninth Meeting of the Common aeRonautical Virtual Private Network Operations Group of APANPIRG (CRV OG/9) was held from 25 to 27 January 2022 via Video Tele-Conference (VTC). The meeting was attended by **119** participants from **21** Member States/Administration, **1** International Organizations, and **1** Industry. CRV OG/9 meeting report, working papers, information papers, and other resources can be accessed by following link:

<https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2022-CRV-OG-9.aspx>

1.2 The meeting created an ad-hoc group named as **ICAO CRV Steering Group** comprised of Fiji, India, Japan, Singapore, New Zealand, USA, PCCWG, and ICAO Secretariat to discuss and finalise the requirements of current CRV contract extension based on feedback received for the survey from Member States who would join CRV in next few years. **ACTION ITEM 9-5**

1.3 This paper summarized relevant information and updates for the action taken for **ACTION ITEM 9-5**.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 WP/10 was presented by the ICAO Secretariat in CRV OG/09 for the request received by ICAO Secretariat during the CRV Implementation Webinar held on 20 July 2021 from the APAC Member States for extension of the current contract of CRV with PCCWG for one year due to current pandemic situation.

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2.2 ICAO TCB informed CRV OG/9 that CRV OG may decide autonomously to extend the contract.

2.3 The CRV OG/9 meeting was informed that as per the current CRV contract, all Authorities shall join the CRV program and sign the relevant Service Contract(s) with PCCWG with the billing start date on or before **31 December 2022**. For authorities, which join CRV after 31 December, 2022, any additional charges may be imposed.

2.4 India and Sri Lanka shared a concern for high lead time. Sri Lanka requested PCCWG that based on current progress of Sri Lanka to join CRV, if Sri Lanka would be able to join CRV by the end of 2022. PCCW indicated that if there are lead time issues for a state, they would work with Member State on the agreed installation date. PCCWG informed the meeting that PCCWG is considering the current situation and will provide an official response if there is any contractual and commercial impacts for Member States who sign the contract in 2022 but the installation date exceeds the standard lead time in **4 weeks** to Sri Lanka, CRV OG Chairs, and ICAO Secretariat. **ACTION ITEM 9-6**.

2.5 PCCWG informed to ICAO Secretariat by an email and ICAO Steering group that any States, who would sign CRV contract in 2022 and billings start date would be before December 2023, will be able to receive the benefits of the reduced rates quoted by the service provider in current contract.

2.6 The meeting debated the rationale to extend CRV contract. It was discussed that if no Member State has a plan to join CRV in next few years, the extension may not require. The meeting invited Member States who have not already contracted or initiated CRV contract process to share their intention to join CRV in next few year, if there is any plan. It was conferred that based on the shared intention, CRV OG can deliberate the number of years required for contract extension. However, no Member States shared their willingness to join CRV in next few years in the meeting.

2.7 The meeting recommended that ICAO APAC Office would send a State Letter to APAC Member States, who have not joined/not initiated process to join CRV to share their intention to join CRV and when they intend to do so. **ACTION ITEM 9-4**

2.8 It was concluded that **ICAO CRV Steering Group** will discuss and finalise the requirements of current CRV contract extension based on feedback received from Member States who would join CRV in next few years and the group would present the proposal to CRV OG/10. The CRV OG/10 would recommend the draft conclusion related to extension of the CRV contract if required for ACSICG/9 and CNS SG/26 consideration

2.9 The ICAO APAC Office issued the State Letter Ref.: T 8/2.15 – AP026/22(CNS) dated 01 February 2022 on the subject: - Request to share the intention to join CRV and its Tentative Timelines.

2.10 In response, total **13** (thirteen) Member States shared their intention to join CRV along with tentative timelines. The summary of received response is as follows:

SN	State/Administration Name	Intend to join CRV	Tentative timelines
1	Bangladesh	Yes	Awaited
2	Cambodia	Yes	Dec-22

3	France	Yes	Jul-23
4	India	Yes	Q3-Q4 2022
5	Indonesia	Yes	Mar-22
6	Macau, China	Yes	Dec-22
7	Malaysia	Yes	Q1-Q2 2022
8	Mongolia	Yes	Q1-Q2 2022
9	Myanmar	Yes	Q3-Q4 2023
10	Nepal	Yes	After July 2022
11	Pakistan	Yes	Dec-22
12	Sri Lanka	Yes	Q4 2022
13	Viet Nam	Yes	31-Dec-22

Table 1 Summary of Responses

Total State/Administration Name responded	Intend to join CRV by Q4 2022	Intend to join CRV after Q4 2022	No plan
13	10	2	1

Table 2 Consolidation of Response

2.11 The first meeting of **ICAO CRV Steering Group** was held on **31 March 2022**. The meeting reviewed the responses received from Member States and observed that several states have initiated action to join CRV in 2022 and tentative timelines are December 2022. Moreover, some Member States have shared intention to join CRV in 2023. Additionally, the requirement of additional efforts to support pacific Member States to join CRV was discussed.

2.12 The ICAO Steering group has advised to extend the contract duration for **one additional year** and proposed the following draft conclusion for CRV OG/10 consideration:

<b>Draft Conclusion CRV OG/10/01: Extension of CRV Contract for one year</b>	
<p>What: <b>a)</b> Recognizing that as per current contract, all authorities shall join the CRV project and sign the relevant Service Contract(s) with PCCWG with the billing start date on or before <b>31 December 2022</b> to not impose additional charges by the service provider and based on the survey responses of 2022, many Member States are in process to join CRV which may not be completed by December 2022, it is recommend to extend <b>current CRV contract for one year.</b></p>	<p>Expected impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political / Global</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inter-regional</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops/Technical</li> </ul>

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<p><b>b)</b> If agreed to extend, as per amended CRV contract, all authorities shall join the CRV program and sign the relevant Service Contract(s) with PCCWG with the billing start date on or before <b>31 December 2023</b> to not impose additional charges by the service provider.</p>		
<p>Why: Several ICAO Member States have requested to extend CRV contract due to COVID-19 pandemic in CRV Implementation webinar held in 2021 and based on the response of the survey done in 2022, many Member States are in process to join CRV which may not be completed by December 2022.</p>	<p>Follow-up: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required from States</p>	
<p>When: 18-Apr-22</p>	<p>Status: Draft to be adopted by PIRG</p>	
<p>Who: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub groups <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APAC States <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICAO APAC RO <input type="checkbox"/> ICAO HQ <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>		

2.13 After endorsement and adoption of the proposed draft conclusion, ICAO Secretariat will inform Member States about the extension of the current contract on same Terms and Conditions.

2.14 With aforementioned, the ICAO CRV Steering group has completed **ACTION ITEM 9-5**. Therefore, the action item may be closed.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in the paper;
- b) endorse the proposed draft Conclusion; and
- c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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