

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **BAY OF BENGAL TRAFFIC FLOW REVIEW GROUP (BOBTFRG)**

#### **1. Objective**

1.1. The objectives of the BOBTFRG are to:

- a) identify requirements and improvements for optimising airspace capacity and maintaining an efficient route network across the Bay of Bengal airspace and routes leading towards Afghanistan's airspace;
- b) monitor the status of implementation of the agreed ATS routes and airspace improvement projects; and
- c) report outcomes of the review and recommendations to the South Asia, Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia ATM Coordination Group (SAIOSEACG).

#### **2. Tasks**

2.1. To meet this objectives, with reference to the *Asia/Pacific Region Seamless ANS Plan* and expected traffic growth, the BOBTFRG shall:

- a) Review the existing route structures and airspace improvement projects in the concerned airspaces (Bangkok, Chennai, Colombo, Dhaka, Jakarta, Kabul, Karachi, Kuala Lumpur, Kolkata, Lahore and Yangon Flight Information Regions);
- b) Identify current CNS/ATM capabilities and determine the CNS/ATM requirements which would be needed in order to optimise the airspace to support the implementation of more efficient route network that accommodated enroute traffic (and also departures from India and Pakistan that would join this traffic flow);
- c) Identify the most efficient horizontal separations to be utilised, based on the current and planned CNS/ATM capabilities, taking into account aircraft approval status of the traffic operating on the relevant routes as well as the new CNS capabilities available;
- d) Review the existing Flight Level Allocation Scheme (FLAS) operating within the Bay of Bengal airspace with a view to enhancing efficiencies;
- e) Establish appropriate timelines/milestones/dependencies for activities planned under this Group;
- f) Make recommendations to SAIOSEACG on implementation plans for route structures, airspace, FLAS and separation solutions to meet the expectations of the *Asia/Pacific Seamless ANS Plan*; and
- g) Make recommendations to SAIOSEACG on the future status of the Bay of Bengal Cooperative ATFM System (BOBCAT) tool.

**3. Participation**

- 3.1. Participation of the BOBTFRG includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and IATA, and any other body that the BOBTFRG deems appropriate.

Approved by SAIOSEACG/1, 29 April 2022

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