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*International Civil Aviation Organization***Eleventh Meeting of the Common aeRonautical Virtual Private Network Operations Group (CRV OG/11)***Bangkok, Thailand, 01-03 February 2023*

Agenda Item 6: CRV contract management
– Contract Extension

EXTENSION OF CRV CONTRACT

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

The paper presents the latest status of the proposal to extend the current CRV contract for one year discussed in the CRV OG/9 and CRV OG/10 meetings.

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. The 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 Tenth Meeting of the Common aeRonautical Virtual Private Network Operations Group of APANPIRG (CRV OG/10) was held on 18 April 2022 via Video Tele-Conference (VTC). The meeting was attended by **89** participants from **21** Member States/Administration 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-10.aspx>

1.3 The CRV OG/9 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 APAC Member States who would join CRV in next few years. **ACTION ITEM 9-5**

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

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2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The WP/10 was presented by the ICAO Secretariat in CRV OG/9 and WP/02 in CRV OG/10 for the request received by ICAO Secretariat during the CRV Implementation Webinar held on 20 July 2021 from the APAC Member States for the extension of the current CRV contract with PCCWG for one year due to COVID-19 pandemic situation.

2.2 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.

2.3 The CRV OG/9 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 CRV OG/9 meeting.

2.4 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. 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. In response, total **13** (thirteen) Member States shared their intention to join CRV along with tentative timelines.

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 1 Consolidation of Response

2.5 The ICAO CRV Steering Group meeting held on **31 March 2022** 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. The ICAO Steering group advised to extend the contract duration for **one additional year** and formulated the draft conclusion for the CRV OG/10, ACSICG/9 and CNS SG/26 consideration. The draft conclusion was endorsed by the CRV OG/10, ACSICG/9 and CNS SG/26 and adopted by the APANPIRG/33:

Conclusion APANPIRG/33/7 (CNS SG/26/02 (ACSICG/09/02 (CRV OG/10/01))): Extension of CRV Contract for one year	
What:	Expected impact:
a) 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 31 December 2022 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Political / Global <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-regional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops/Technical

may not be completed by December 2022, it is recommended to extend current CRV contract for one year.	
b) 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 31 December 2023 to not impose additional charges by the service provider.	
c) After the extension, the CRV contract expiry date will be 31 December 2028.	
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.	Follow-up: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required from States
When: 24-Nov-22	Status: Adopted by PIRG
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:	

2.6 ICAO Secretariat issued State Letter **Ref.:** T 8/2.15 –AP003/23(CNS) dated **4 January 2023** on the subject: - *Extension of CRV Contract for one year and a reminder for the target year of CRV Implementation by 31 December 2023 in the APAC Region* to inform Member States about the extension of the current contract on same Terms and Conditions and urged to initiate a service order with the PCCW Global for CRV implementation as early as possible, on or **before 31 December 2023** and synchronize the implementation of CRV in the APAC region. The State Letter is provided in **Appendix A.**

2.7 With aforementioned, the ICAO CRV Steering group has completed ACTION ITEM 9-5.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in the paper;
- b) modify their contract with PCCWG, as required;
- c) initiate a service order with the PCCW Global for CRV implementation before 31 December 2023, if not joined CRV; and
- d) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.



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Ref.: T 8/2.15 –AP003/23(CNS)

4 January 2023

Subject: Extension of CRV Contract for one year and a reminder for the target year of CRV Implementation by 31 December 2023 in the APAC Region

Action Required: Necessary actions for CRV Implementation before 31 December 2023 and to note extension of CRV contract for one year.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that to facilitate the implementation of CRV in the region, APANPIRG/33 adopted the following Conclusion APANPIRG/33/7 recommended by CNS SG/26:

Conclusion APANPIRG/33/7 (CNS SG/26/02): Extension of CRV Contract for one year.

- a) Recognizing that as per the 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 31 December 2022 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 recommended to extend current CRV contract for one year.
- b) As per the 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 31 December 2023 to not impose additional charges by the service provider.
- c) After the extension, the CRV contract expiry date will be 31 December 2028.

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The CRV is a cross-border cost-effective telecommunications network for APAC States, which enables the implementation of the Global Air Navigation Plan and Seamless ANS objectives. PCCW Global is the only selected service provider for the CRV network. States/Administrations already contracted CRV should modify their contract with PCCWG accordingly. States/Administrations not joined CRV are urged to initiate a service order with the PCCW Global for CRV implementation as early as possible using the CRV common provisions formulated by CRV Operations Group (CRV OG) of APANPIRG. As per amended contract standard terms and conditions, 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 2023. For authorities, which join CRV after 31 December 2023, any additional charges may be imposed. Failing implementation of CRV by the target date, pessimistic assumptions might threaten the roll-out of CRV initiative, and it would also hinder the network operation of those States that have implemented CRV.

States/Administrations are therefore urged to note the abovementioned APANPIRG/33 Conclusion and initiate a service order with the PCCW Global for CRV implementation as early as possible, on or before 31 December 2023 and synchronize the implementation of CRV in the APAC region.

Yours sincerely,



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