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CIVIL/MILITARY COOPERATION IN THE ATM CONTINGENCY OPERATION

(Presented by Indonesia)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the importance of civil/military cooperation to overcome ATM contingency operations that happened in the adjacent state.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Indonesia noted the lessons learned from major ATM contingency events in the last three years. This lesson learned led to the urgency of updating the Regional ATM Contingency Plan.

1.2 The close contingency event at the adjacent state which affected Indonesia's airspace presented several internal issues in civil/military cooperation in Indonesia. It was clear that comprehensive and holistic measures must be taken to ensure the safe and efficient conduct of flight at all times, especially within critical periods.

2. DISCUSSION

Background

2.1 Contingency plan is a plan which is devised for an outcome other than the usual (expected) plan. A contingency plan usually being prepared for a seamless making transition between normal and unexpected situations and back to normal. However, the adjacent FIR which was affected by the ATM contingency operations should also have plans to overcome the traffics that will be rerouted to their airspace.

2.2 In the close contingency events that happened recently, Indonesia has experienced complex coordination with military authority to help manage traffic that has been entering Indonesia's airspace.

2.3 As stated in Indonesia Aeronautical Information Publication GEN 1.2 Entry, transit and departure of aircraft, all Non-Indonesian Unscheduled Flights that will enter Indonesia's territory should have valid Security Clearance, Diplomatic Clearance, and Flight Approval. All these

requirements could not be available in terms of contingency events that occurred accidentally. The absence of military authority involvement in the ATM contingency operations will lead to the interception of civil aircraft.

2.4 Pilots need to be aware that a contingency routing requiring aircraft to operate off normal traffic flows may result in interception by military aircraft. Aircraft operators must therefore be familiar with international intercept procedures contained in ICAO Annex 2 –Rules of the Air, paragraph 3.8 and Appendix 2, Sections 2 and 3. However, in order to minimize this situation, Indonesia has tried to enhance civil/military cooperation and engaged military authority to have the same perception about the contingency events that needed to manage.

The Urgency of Civil/Military Cooperation in Contingency Events of An Adjacent State

2.5 The Asia Pacific Regional ATM Contingency Plan requires that the Central Coordinating Committee function should include relevant representation including Military Authority. The Plan also should be developed in close cooperation and collaboration with airspace users, military authorities, and civil aviation authorities responsible for adjacent FIRs.

2.6 To ensure smooth coordination to overcome ATM contingency operations within the region, it is necessary to follow up on the plan that requires military representatives in the Central Coordinating Committee.

2.7 Furthermore, Indonesia urges states to harmonize, where practicable, and develop close cooperation and collaboration with airspace users, military authorities, and civil aviation authorities responsible for adjacent FIRs.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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