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Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business

AERONAUTICAL SAR CONTACT LIST

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the Asia/Pacific Aeronautical SAR Contact List for updating.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1   During APSAR/TF/1, an Asia/Pacific Aeronautical SAR Contact List was developed as a result of WP09 from Australia. The Task Force recognized it was useful to establish a relevant list of SAR Contact Officers or positions for each State.

1.2   The nominated Contact Officer should preferably be a SAR manager or senior SAR qualified person who would respond in a timely and effective manner with coordinating aeronautical SAR operational (non-emergency) and administrative matters between their organizations and the APSAR/WG and/or Regional Office as appropriate.

1.3   The contact list should not be confused with any listings of SAR Point of Contacts (SPOCs) which are used for 24-hour SAR emergency contact purposes associated with RCCs and the COSPAS-SARSAT distress beacon system. The contact details should also not be those used for emergency communications with RCCs.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1   The Regional Office has determined that it is more efficient to maintain a single ATM List of Contacts for all purposes. The list is presented to all ATM meetings for their consideration. The list will be considered for future incorporation in the *Regional ATM Contingency Plan.*

Asia/Pacific Air Traffic Management (ATM) Contact

2.2   The consolidated Asia/Pacific ATM POC List includes Points of Contact for:

    a) Administration (ADM);

    b) Aeronautical Information Service (AIS);

    c) Asia/Pacific Region ATS Route Catalogue (ARC);

    d) Air Traffic Control (ATC);

    e) Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM);

    f) Airport Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM);

g) Contingency Coordination Team (CCT);

h) Safety (SAF); and

i) Search and Rescue (SAR).

2.3   The List includes POCs from selected non-APAC States, where there is a need for interregional coordination.

2.4   The List is presented to all appropriate ATM, AIS and SAR-related technical meetings in order to ensure it is kept up-to-date. It will be separately circulated by the Secretariat to all registered participants for update. The meeting is invited to review and update the ATM Points of Contact List, notifying any changes by email to apac@icao.int, with a courtesy copy to pchalayonnawin@icao.int.

2.5   All Administrations are reminded of the importance of ensuring the POC details provided remain up-to-date. Please inform the ICAO Asia/Pacific Regional Office immediately if there is any change to nominated POC details.

3.   ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1   The meeting is invited to:

a)   note the information contained in this paper;

b)   provide any updated SAR Points of Contact for the APAC ATM Points of Contact List; and

c)   discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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