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*International Civil Aviation Organization***The Ninth Meeting of the Aerodromes Operation and Planning Sub Group (AOP/SG/9)***Bangkok, Thailand, 30 June to 4 July 2025***Agenda Item 2: Review Outcome of Relevant Meetings****RELEVANT OUTCOMES OF APANPIRG/35**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the outcomes of APANPIRG/35 (Bangkok, Thailand, 25 to 27 November 2024) relevant to Aerodrome Operations and Planning field.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Thirty-fifth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG/35) was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 25 to 27 November 2024.

1.2 The Meeting was attended by 163 participants from 26 Member States, 2 Special Administrative Regions of China and 6 International Organizations. The meeting adopted 11 Conclusions and 2 Decision. The Report of APANPIRG/35 is available at:

<https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2024-APANPIRG-35.aspx>

Among 11 Conclusions adopted by APANPIRG/35, 2 conclusions are related to Aerodrome Operations and Planning field.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The outcomes of APANPIRG/35 relevant to Aerodrome Operations and Planning field are summarized in the following paragraphs.

Report on the Eighth Meeting of AOP Subgroup (AOP/SG/8)

2.2 APANPIRG/35 reviewed the report of the Eighth Meeting of the Aerodrome Operations and Planning Sub-group (AOP/SG/8) held in Bangkok, Thailand from 15 to 19 July 2024 and noted that AOP/SG/8 had adopted 4 (Four) Conclusion and 3 (Three) Decisions that were of a purely technical or operational nature. The full report of AOP/SG/8 is available at the following URL: <https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2024-AOP-SG-8.aspx>.

Draft Regional Guidance for Design and Operations of Altiports

2.3 APANPIRG/35 noted that the AP/ADO/TF/5 had reviewed in detail the Draft Regional Guidance for Design and Operations of Altiports which was developed by the participating States (China, Fiji, India, Indonesia and Nepal (lead)) of the AP-ADO/TF.

2.4 APANPIRG/35 adopted Conclusion APANPIRG/35/2 formulated by AP-ADO/TF/5 and endorsed by AOP/SG/8:

Conclusion APANPIRG/35/2: Regional Guidance for Design and Operations of Altiports		
What: That, Regional Guidance for Design and Operations of Altiports (Appendix B to the Report on Agenda Item 3.1) developed by AP-ADO/TF and endorsed by AOP/SG/8 be forwarded to Air Navigation Bureau.		Expected impact: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political / Global <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-regional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops/Technical
Why: To submit the Draft Regional Guidance for review by the Ad hoc Working Group formed under Aerodrome Design and Operation Pannel (ADOP) to develop the Global Guidance on Design and Operations of Altiports.	Follow-up: <input type="checkbox"/> Required from States	
When: 27-Nov-24	Status:	Adopted by PIRG
Who: <input type="checkbox"/> Sub groups <input type="checkbox"/> APAC States <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICAO APAC RO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICAO HQ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: XXXX		

2.5 Based on the above Conclusion ICAO Asia and Pacific Office sent the above document to the Air Navigation Bureau for review by the Ad hoc Working Group formed under Aerodrome Design and Operation Panel (ADOP) to further review and develop the Global Guidance on Design and Operations of Altiports (IOM Ref.: AN 3/3 – AP-AGA0072/24 dated 23 December 2024 refers).

ICAO Asia-Pacific Wildlife Hazard Management Go-Team Methodology

2.6 APANPIRG/35 noted that the AP-WHM/WG had developed the Wildlife Hazard Management (WHM) Go-Team Mission Programme Document to attach to the Asia/Pacific WHM Go-Team Methodology which was approved by APANPIRG/34 in December 2023.

2.7 APANPIRG/35 adopted the Conclusion APANPIRG/35/3 formulated by AP-WHM/WG/6 and endorsed by AOP/SG/8:

Conclusion APANPIRG/35/3: ICAO Asia-Pacific WHM Go-Team Assistance Mission Programme Document			
What:		Expected impact:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> States with needs to enhance WHM be encouraged and invited to host WHM Go-Team Assistance Mission; and ICAO Asia/Pacific WHM Go Team Assistance Mission Programme Document provided in Appendix C to the Report on Agenda Item 3.1 be included as an Appendix to the ICAO Asia/Pacific WHM Go-Team Methodology and published on the ICAO APAC Website. 		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political / Global <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-regional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops/Technical	
Why:	To assist States in WHM	Follow-up:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required from States
When:	27-Nov-24	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: AP-AA/WG			

2.8 ICAO Asia/Pacific WHM Go-Team Methodology along with the WHM Go-Team Assistance Mission Programme has been published on the ICAO APAC Website, eDocuments webpage under AGA heading and can be accessed at <https://www.icao.int/APAC/Pages/eDocs.aspx>.

Challenges in AOP Fields and Priorities for 2025

2.9 APANPIRG/35 noted that AOP/SG had identified following Challenges in AOP field:

- a) Transposition of Annex 14 SARPs (especially Recommendations) into National Aerodrome Standards;
- b) Implementation of new SARPs on Obstacle Limitation Surfaces with effective dates in August 2025 and applicability dates in November 2030; and
- c) Implementation of new SARPs on Ground Handling with effective dates in August 2025 and applicability in November 2026.

2.10 To address the above challenges, the AOP/SG has planned to conduct following activities in 2025:

- a) Workshop on Transposition of Annex 14 SARPs into National Aerodrome Standards

Note: — The workshop has been conducted on 17 February 2025 in conjunction with the Sixth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Aerodrome Design and Operation Task force in Langkawi, Malaysia.

- b) Organize Regional Workshop on OLS to create awareness on new SARPs and their implementation Challenges.

Note:— State Letter Ref.: T 11/5.7 – AP074/25 (AGA) dated 6 June 2025 has been circulated inviting States to nominate participants to attend the ICAO

Asia/Pacific Workshop: Implementation of New ICAO Annex 14 Volume I SARPs on Obstacle Limitation Surfaces which will be conducted in ICAO APAC Office, Bangkok on 2 – 5 September 2025).

- c) Discuss ground handling matters in AP-AA/WG/7 inviting WPs from CAAs, Aerodrome Operators, Airlines Operators, Ground Handling Service Providers to share best practices and exchange experiences in addressing challenges.

Note:— States shared their experiences in safety oversight of Ground Handling Service Providers at the Seventh Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Aerodrome Assistance Working Group, held in Bangkok, on 27 – 30 May 2025.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) note APANPIRG Conclusions 35/3 and 35/4 (paragraphs 2.4 and 2.7 refer); and
- c) discuss any other relevant matters as appropriate.

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