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*International Civil Aviation Organization***The Seventh Meeting of the Asia/Pacific
Aerodrome Assistance Working Group (AP-AA/WG/7)***Bangkok, Thailand, 27 to 30 May 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, two conclusions are related to Aerodrome Operations and Planning field.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The outcomes of APANPIRG/35 relevant to this Working Group are summarized in the ensuing 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 Subgroup (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: ☒ Political / Global ☐ Inter-regional ☒ Economic ☐ Environmental ☒ 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: ☐ Required from States	
When: 27-Nov-24		Status: Adopted by PIRG	
Who: ☐ Sub groups ☐ APAC States ☒ ICAO APAC RO ☒ ICAO HQ ☐ 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 Pannel (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:	
- 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.		☒ Political / Global ☐ Inter-regional ☒ Economic ☐ Environmental ☒ Ops/Technical	
Why:	To assist States in WHM	Follow-up:	☒ Required from States
When:	27-Nov-24	Status:	Adopted by PIRG
Who: ☒ Sub groups ☒ APAC States ☒ ICAO APAC RO ☐ ICAO HQ ☒ 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:

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

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

- Workshop on Transposition of Annex 14 SARPs into National Aerodrome Standards: State Letter Ref.: T 11/5.13.3 — AP134/24 (AGA) has been
- Organize Regional Workshop on OLS to create awareness on new SARPs and their implementation Challenges. – For this we have developed Special Implementation Project Proposal for funding support from HQ.
- 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.

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 encourage States/Administrations to host ICAO APAC WHM Go-Team assistance missions if they need assistance in WHM areas; and
- c) discuss any other relevant matters as appropriate.

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