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**Agenda Item 3: Performance Framework for Regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation**

**3.2: ATM**

**UPDATE ON EFFORTS BY TIMOR-LESTE TO IMPROVE  
ANS STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE AND REQUEST FOR REGIONAL ASSISTANCE**

(Presented by Timor-Leste)

**SUMMARY**

This paper provides an update to the Meeting on Timor-Leste's improvements in ANS.

*Strategic Objectives:*

A: ***Safety*** – Enhance global civil aviation safety

B: ***Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency*** — Increase the capacity and improve the efficiency of the global aviation system

Action by the Meeting is in Section 3.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Timor-Leste is a developing aviation nation with a small but growing aviation system. The resources available to Timor-Leste are limited, and various donors provide both financial and technical support to assist in the improvements in ANS for Timor-Leste.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1. As a developing nation, Timor-Leste has had numerous ICAO and other agency missions, audits and assistance provided over the last few years. The national regulator, Autoridade da Aviação Civil de Timor-Leste (AACTL), has made a concerted effort to bring about positive changes.

2.2. Suai International Airport (WPDB) is becoming a critical aviation hub for the offshore oil and gas industry, an important part of the Timorese economy. To support these operations, new Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) have been designed and published. These included RNP 0.3 SID, RNP 0.3 Approach and VOR/DME approach. These IFPs have been flight validated and subsequently published in Timor-Leste AIP Version 11.

2.3. AACTL has commenced the audit process for WPDB as part of the aerodrome certification process.

2.4. Oe-Cusse Airport (WPOC) has started being serviced by Aero Dili A319/20 aircraft on a regular basis. An ATC service is not currently provided at WPOC. In order to provide a higher level of ATS, an Aerodrome Traffic Zone was established at WPOC for Dili based ATC staff to provide an Aerodrome Flight Information Service (AFIS). With the support of AirNav Indonesia, IFP are also being designed for WPOC. Upon validation, RNP Approach, VOR/DME and RNP SID will be available for use.

2.5. AACTL has recently conducted the final audit of WPOC as part of the aerodrome certification process.

2.6. A Letter of Operational Coordination Procedure (LOCA) has been established between AACTL/ANATL and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)/AirNav Indonesia regarding the AIS operational co-ordination procedures.

2.7. The annual ATS Co-Ordination Meeting between Timor-Leste and Indonesia was recently held to review and update operational procedures between the two countries.

2.8. Whilst not specifically relating to Air Navigation, Timor-Leste would like to bring the following points to the Meeting's attention:

- a) Timor-Leste has recently been audited by ICAO for the Universal Security Audit Program – Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA) and is actively working to address the CAPs raised by this audit
- b) The second aircraft for Aero Dili (A319) has been certified by AACTL

2.9. Timor-Leste, whilst achieving some improvements in ANS, still lacks significant technical expertise to enable further improvements to continue without external specialist support. Timor-Leste calls upon more advanced aviation nations in this group to consider providing technical and financial support to help Timor-Leste to further improve the aviation eco-system in Timor-Leste.

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1. The Meeting is invited to:

- a) acknowledge the significant inroads to improving the provision of ANS within Timor-Leste that are being achieved by AACTL and ANATL.
- b) Despite these significant inroads to improving aviation safety, Timor-Leste is still facing challenges in further developing the aviation sector without external assistance. Therefore, Timor-Leste is seeking support and collaboration from this Meeting's participants to further enhance its aviation industry and improve safety for all users.

- c) Timor-Leste is formally requesting both the Meeting participants and ICAO for additional support to assist in further improving aviation safety outcomes in Timor-Leste.

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