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**Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business**

**APANPIRG ATM AND AIRSPACE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES IN THE SAR FIELD**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents the SAR-related ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies as updated by the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG/35, 25 – 27 November 2024), and by information provided to the ICAO Asia/Pacific Regional Office in 2025.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This working paper is provided to assist the APSAR/WG to review and update SAR-related APANPIRG ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies.

**2. DISCUSSION**

SAR Deficiencies List

2.1 The SAR Deficiencies List (**Attachment A**) is an excerpt from the APANPIRG List of Deficiencies in the ATM and Airspace Safety Fields, as updated by APANPIRG/35 and by additional information provided to ICAO Asia/Pacific Regional Office prior to APSAR/WG/10.

2.2 30 Administrations have APANPIRG ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies in the SAR field recorded in the 2024 update in Attachment A.

2.3 Deficiencies remain listed for the following Asia/Pacific Administrations:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Macao China, Cook Islands, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Caledonia, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

2.4 The Administration mentioned above are required to update the Corrective Action in the APANPIRG ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies, for consideration by ATM/SG/13 and APANPIRG/36.

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

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) note the information contained in this paper;
  - b) agree to the proposed update of the Deficiency List in **Attachment A**; and
  - c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.
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**ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies List** (Updated 01 November 2024 + APSAR/WG/10)

States/facilities	Deficiencies			Corrective Action		
	Description	Date first reported	Remarks	Executing body	Target date	Priority **
	<b><u>WGS-84 Requirements of Paragraph 1.2.1 of Annex 15</u></b>					
Afghanistan	WGS-84 - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Afghanistan	TBD	A
Brunei Darussalam	WGS-84 - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Brunei Darussalam	31/12/2025	A
Marshall Islands	WGS-84 - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Marshall Islands	TBD	A
Micronesia	WGS-84 - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Micronesia	TBD	A
Nauru	WGS-84 - Not implemented		Conferring with consultant	Nauru	TBD	A
Palau	WGS-84 - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Palau	TBD	A
Samoa	WGS-84 - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Samoa	TBD	A
Vanuatu	WGS-84 – Not implemented	2/7/1999	Implemented at main airports	Vanuatu	1999	A
	<b><u>AIP Format Requirements of Chapter 5 of Annex 15</u></b>					
Kiribati	AIP Format - Not implemented	7/7/99	ATM/AIS/SAR/SG/18 (June 2009) was advised AIP in draft stage	Kiribati		A
	<b><u>AIS Quality Management System Requirements of Paragraph 3.6.1 of Annex 15 Quality Management System - Not implemented</u></b>					
Afghanistan	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Afghanistan	TBD	A
Bangladesh	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Bangladesh	TBD	A

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Bhutan	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Bhutan	TBD	A
Brunei Darussalam	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Brunei Darussalam	31/03/2026	A
Cambodia	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Cambodia	TBD	A
Kiribati	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Kiribati	TBD	A
Lao PDR	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Lao PDR	TBD	A
Maldives	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Maldives	30/09/2024	A
Marshall Islands	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Maldives	TBD	A
Micronesia	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Micronesia	TBD	A
Myanmar	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	9/6/2016		Myanmar	31/12/2025	A
Nauru	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Nauru	TBD	A
Nepal	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Nepal	TBD	A
Palau	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Palau	TBD	A
Samoa	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Samoa	TBD	A
Solomon Islands	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Solomon Islands	TBD	A

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Timor-Leste	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Timor-Leste	TBD	A
Vanuatu	AIS Quality Management System - Not implemented	24/6/2014		Vanuatu	TBD	A
	<b><u>Aeronautical Data Area of Responsibility</u> - requirements of Paragraph 2.1.2 of Annex 2 to ensure that the provision of aeronautical data and aeronautical information covers its own territory and those areas over the high seas for which it is responsible for the provision of ATS</b>					
Bangladesh	Aeronautical Data Promulgation Within the State's Area of Responsibility - Not implemented	29/03/2019 SAIOACG/9		Bangladesh	TBD	A
	<b><u>Designation of Restricted Areas</u> - requirements of Annex 2 (Definitions) to ensure that restricted areas are designated above the land areas or territorial waters of a State</b>					
Australia	Designation of Restricted Areas Above the Land Areas or Territorial Waters of a State - Not implemented	29/03/2019 SAIOACG/9	Danger areas within international airspace that is part of a State's responsibility is acceptable	Australia	December 2022	A
India	Designation of Restricted Areas Above the Land Areas or Territorial Waters of a State - Not implemented	29/03/2019 SAIOACG/9	Danger areas within international airspace that is part of a State's responsibility is acceptable	India	TBD	A
	<b><u>Airspace Classification Requirements</u> of Paragraph 2.6 of Annex 11</b>					

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China	Airspace Classification - Not implemented	7/7/99	Difference to Annex 11 is published in AIP, China.	China	APANPIRG/19 updated, implementation planned by end 2010.	A
Macao, China	Airspace Classification - Not implemented	05/09/2018		Macau, China	TBD	A
Nauru	Airspace Classification - Not implemented	7/7/99		Nauru	TBD	A
Solomon Islands	Airspace Classification - Not implemented	7/7/99		Solomon Islands	TBD	A
	<b><u>ATS Message Addressing Requirements of Doc 4444 PANS-ATM Section 11.4 (Message Types and their Application)</u></b>		Note: the threshold for a Deficiency is 5% or more DEP messages reported to have not been sent, and where the analysed data provided evidence of a systemic (either systems or human factors) failure to send the message			
Maldives	DEP message transmission	09/08/2019	DEP messages inconsistently transmitted Conclusion APANPIRG/27/12 and ICAO correspondence	Maldives	TBD	A

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	<b><u>SAR capability:</u> Requirements of Annex 12 as defined in the Regional Air Navigation Plan Volume II Part I – GENERAL PLANNING ASPECTS Section 3 SPECIFIC REGIONAL REQUIREMENTS, failure to reach 90% or more implementation of the Asia/Pacific SAR Plan</b>					
Afghanistan	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/6 56%</del> APSAR/WG/10 55%	Afghanistan	2019	U
Bangladesh	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	<del>APSAR/WG/9 65%</del> APSAR/WG/10 66%	Bangladesh	2019	U
Bhutan	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/8 28%</del> APSAR/WG/10 26%	Bhutan	2019	U
Brunei Darussalam	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	<del>APSAR/WG/4 63%</del> APSAR/WG/10 62%	Brunei	2019	U
Cambodia	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/9 76%</del> APSAR/WG/10 74%	Cambodia	2019	U
Macao, China	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/9 88%</del> APSAR/WG/10 86%	Macao, China	2019	U
Cook Islands	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/8 62%</del> APSAR/WG/10 60%	Cook Islands	2019	U
DPR Korea	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/8 71%</del> APSAR/WG/10 70%	DPR Korea	2019	U
French Polynesia	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	<del>APSAR/WG/8 84%</del> APSAR/WG/10 82%	French Polynesia	2019	U

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Kiribati	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/4 26%</del> APSAR/WG/10 25%	Kiribati	2019	U
Lao PDR	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/4 57%</del> APSAR/WG/10 56%	Lao PDR	2019	U
Maldives	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/8 78%</del> APSAR/WG/10 76%	Maldives	2019	U
Marshall Islands	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/5 17%</del> APSAR/WG/10 17%	Marshall Islands	2019	U
Micronesia	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/5 17%</del> APSAR/WG/10 17%	Micronesia	2019	U
Mongolia	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	<del>APSAR/WG/9 89%</del> APSAR/WG/10 87%	Mongolia	2019	U
Myanmar	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/9 69%</del> APSAR/WG/10 68%	Myanmar	2019	U
Nauru	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/4 0%</del> APSAR/WG/10 0%	Nauru	2019	U
Nepal	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/9 66%</del> APSAR/WG/10 50%	Nepal	2019	U
New Caledonia	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	<del>APSAR/WG/8 78%</del> APSAR/WG/10 77%	New Caledonia	2019	U
Pakistan	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	<del>APSAR/WG/9 89%</del> APSAR/WG/10 89%	Pakistan	2019	U
Palau	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/5 17%</del> APSAR/WG/10 17%	Palau	2019	U



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Papua New Guinea	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/7 54%</del> APSAR/WG/10 37%	Papua New Guinea	2019	U
Samoa	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/4 0%</del> APSAR/WG/10 0%	Samoa	2019	U
Solomon Islands	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/4 0%</del> APSAR/WG/10 0%	Solomon Islands	2019	U
Sri Lanka	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	<del>APSAR/WG/9 84%</del> APSAR/WG/10 86%	Sri Lanka	2019	U
Thailand	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	<del>APSAR/WG/9 85%</del> APSAR/WG/10 87%	Thailand	2025	U
Timor-Leste	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/4 0%</del> APSAR/WG/10 0%	Timor-Leste	2019	U
Tonga	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/4 70%</del> APSAR/WG/10 68%	Tonga	2019	U
Tuvalu	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	28/05/2022	<del>APSAR/WG/7 0%</del> APSAR/WG/10 0%	Tuvalu	2024	U
Vanuatu	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	6/07/2015	<del>APSAR/WG/4 0%</del> APSAR/WG/10 0%	Vanuatu	2019	U
	<b><u>Non Provision of Safety-related Data Requirement of Paragraph 3.3.5.1 of Annex 11 (provision of data for monitoring the height-keeping performance of aircraft) and APANPIRG Conclusion 16/6 – Non Provision of safety related data by States</u></b>					

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Afghanistan	Non-provision of safety related data	12/07/2019	Failure to submit Kabul LHD data for January-December 2018 and 2020. Afghanistan had submitted data for the period January to July 2021, but no further LHD reports were received after August 2021.	Afghanistan	TBD	U
	<b>State Responsibility to comply with the Annex 6 Height-Keeping Monitoring Requirement Annex 6 Part I Section 7.2.9 (10<sup>th</sup> Ed.) and Part II Section 2.5.2.10 (9<sup>th</sup> Ed.)</b>					
Afghanistan	Non-compliance with LTHM requirement (remaining monitoring burden more than 30%)	RASMAG/23	Remaining monitoring burden of 50% (RASMAG/29) MAAR informed ICAO that all known airframes in Afghanistan have complied with the monitoring requirement (November 2022). Deficiency retained due to the unknown status of the Afghanistan aeronautical authority responsible for ensuring monitoring is conducted.	Afghanistan	TBD	A
India	Non-compliance with LTHM requirement (remaining monitoring burden more than 30%)	RASMAG/29	Remaining monitoring burden of 48% (RASMAG/29)	India	TBD	A
Nepal	Non-compliance with LTHM requirement (remaining monitoring burden more than 30%)	RASMAG/28	Remaining monitoring burden of 45% (RASMAG/29)	Nepal	TBD	A
Philippines	Non-compliance with LTHM requirement (remaining monitoring burden more than 30%)	RASMAG/29	Remaining monitoring burden of 40% (RASMAG/29)	Philippines	TBD	A
	<b>Data Link Performance Monitoring and Analysis Requirements of Paragraph 2.28 and/or 3.3.5.2 of</b>					

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	<b>Annex 11 not met</b>					
India	Post-implementation monitoring not implemented	13/07/2017	Performance monitoring and analysis was reported for the Chennai and Kolkata FIRs, but was not reported for the Mumbai FIR.	India	TBD	A

\*\* Note: In accordance with the *APANPIRG Handbook - Asia/Pacific Supplement to the Uniform Methodology for the Identification, Assessment and Reporting of Air Navigation Deficiencies*, priority for Air Navigation Deficiencies is guided by the principle that a deficiency with respect to an ICAO Standard is accorded a “U” status, while a non-compliance with a Recommended Practice or a PANS is considered as “A” or “B” subject to additional expert evaluation. The final prioritization of deficiencies is the prerogative of APANPIRG.