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Agenda Item 9: ATM/SG Task List Update

UPDATE FOR THE GUIDANCE OF VISUAL APPROACH FOR PARALLEL RUNWAYS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents an update for the guidance of visual approach for parallel runways.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During ATM/SG/12 meeting, China highlighted the need for clearer guidelines on visual approach application specifications for parallel runways due to the rapid growth in air traffic, which necessitates using visual approaches for increased efficiency at high-density airports. The discussion resulted in ATM/SG/12 Action Item 12/3 – *Coordinate with ICAO ANB on guidance document for visual approach for parallel runways*.

2. DISCUSSION

Current Situation

2.1 In consultation with ICAO Separation and Airspace Safety Panel (SASP) Secretariat, it was noted that, currently, there is no SASP Work Programme regarding visual approach for parallel runways.

2.2 The visual approach for parallel runways could be referred to SASP in the following Job Card and Work Programme Element (WPE):

- a) SASP.020.01 - Improving the sustainability and efficiency of terminal operations; and
- b) WPE 10564 - Identify further arrival and departure provisions that may be optimized to safely improve the efficiency of the ATM system through increased aerodrome operational efficiency with supporting expert groups listed as Flight Operations Panel (FLTOSP), ATM Operations Panel (ATMOPSP), Aerodrome Design and Operations Panel (ADOP) and Instrument Flight Procedure Panel (IFPP).

Next steps

2.3 SASP Secretariat would submit a working paper (referencing ATM/SG/12-WP/31) to SASP WG/42, scheduled from 3 to 7 November 2025.

2.4 In addition, a Working Paper could also be submitted by China during SASP WG/42, to invite SASP to consider the creation of a new WPE regarding visual approach for parallel runways.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) note the information contained in this paper;
 - b) consider the submission of Working Paper to SASP; and
 - c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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