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*International Civil Aviation Organization***Twenty Ninth Meeting of the Communications/
Navigation and Surveillance Sub-group (CNS SG/29)
of APANPIRG***Bangkok, Thailand, 16-20 June 2025***Agenda Item 11:** Review the status of CNS deficiencies (APANPIRG Deficiency List)**REVIEW STATUS OF CNS DEFICIENCIES**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents information on the progress in resolving the deficiencies in the CNS fields.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Under the Terms of Reference, the Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG) has been regularly reviewing the status of implementation of the Asia Pacific Air Navigation Plan through its subgroups to identify and address the air navigation deficiencies according to the uniform methodology approved by the ICAO Council. In meeting this objective, APANPIRG facilitated the development and implementation of action plans by States to resolve identified deficiencies, where necessary.

1.2 APANPIRG/35 was held at the ICAO Asia and Pacific Regional Office in Bangkok, Thailand, from 25 to 27 November 2024, noting the list of Air Navigation Deficiencies in the CNS field, which was reviewed and updated by CNS SG/28.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The APANPIRG/35 noted that only one outstanding issue was discussed by CNS SG/28, which was related to the unreliability of AFS communication between Afghanistan and Pakistan. APANPIRG/35 noted Pakistan had joined CRV and was actively coordinating with Afghanistan to restore the communication link. Pakistan shared the expectation of restoring the connection by the end of 2024. The CNS SG/28 Meeting did not identify any additional deficiencies in the CNS fields.

2.2 Poor performance of AFS, including data communication between Kabul and Karachi and ATS voice communication between Lahore and Kabul, had become issues of regional concern. A COM coordination meeting (Afghanistan, China and Pakistan) was held in July 2019 in the ICAO APAC Regional Sub-Office, and it agreed to restore the VSAT connection by upgrading the VSAT terminals and equipment in Lahore and Karachi. It was decided that Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority would provide assistance and Network Control Centre settings. Both Afghanistan and Pakistan also agreed to implement CRV as soon as practical.

2.3 The current list of air navigation deficiencies in the CNS field updated by APANPIRG/35 is provided in **Appendix A** of this paper for meeting review and update.

2.4 Nothing that international organizations such as IATA and IFALPA would also receive the implementation issues reported by members, which are related to CNS, the ICAO Secretariat requested in the past to share input from Member States/Administrations and international organizations to explore together a way to enhance the ANS implementation in the region by identifying and addressing ANS deficiencies.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) review and revise the **Appendix A** with the update by concerned States; and
- d) discuss any relevant matter as appropriate.

CNS SG/29
Appendix A to WP/21

REPORTING FORM ON AIR NAVIGATION DEFICIENCIES IN THE CNS FIELDS IN THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION

Identification		Deficiencies			Corrective Action			
Requirement	States/facilities	Description	Date first reported	Remarks	Description	Executing body	Target date for completion	Priority for action
Reliable ground to ground communication as specified in the regional Air Navigation Plan (Doc.9673) Tables CNS II-1; CNS II-2 & CNS II-3	Afghanistan and Pakistan	Unreliability of AFS communication between Afghanistan and Pakistan was brought to the notice of APANPIRG/21. Lack of reliability in the AFS including data communication between Kabul and Karachi and ATS voice communication between Lahore and Kabul was identified.	September 2010	A follow-up COM coordination meeting held in July 2019 discussed way forward	1. Site visits in Pakistan by expert from the VSAT service provider were made in February and March 2016. Remedial recommendations were provided to CAA. Pakistan. Pakistan requested ICAO to provide assistance in establishing VSAT link in 2022. 2. Both Afghanistan and Pakistan agreed to as first step to recover the VSAT connection by upgrading terminals in Lahore and Karachi. Afghanistan will provide assistance and does the Network Configuration settings; 3. A VPN link was established between Karachi and Kabul through UK. Now the VPN link between UK and Kabul is un-serviceable. 4. Both States also agreed to implement CRV as soon as practical to resolve the existing COM deficiencies. 5. Pakistan has joined CRV and is actively coordinating with Afghanistan to restore the communication link between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Pakistan expected to restore the connection by the end of 2024.	CAA. Afghanistan and CAA. Pakistan	End of 2024	A