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Subject: The Thirteenth Meeting of the South China Sea

Traffic Flow Review Group (SCSTFRG/13)

(*Beijing*, *China*, 16 – 18 *July* 2025)

## **Action required:**

- 1) To complete online registration by 2 July 2025; and
- 2) To submit paper(s) and presentation(s) by 2 July 2025

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your Administration to participate in the Thirteenth Meeting of the South China Sea Traffic Flow Review Group (SCSTFRG/13), scheduled to take place in Beijing, China, from 16-18 July 2025.

The SCSTFRG/13 meeting aims at discussing key priorities and progressing in enhancing airspace efficiency in the South China Sea region. The meeting will assess existing route structures and airspace improvements, focusing on efficient horizontal separations based on current and planned Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance (CNS) and Air Traffic Management (ATM) capabilities.

This meeting will also address gaps between technical and environmental RNP, RNAV requirements, and current operational conditions to optimize separation distances. And the SCSTFRG/13 meeting will share perspectives on operational challenges, including Route A1 delays, and explore airspace efficiency and capacity, and review the impact of the 50 NM longitudinal separation on Route M768 and consider further enhancements. Updates on priority areas and Member States' positions regarding key routes, including A461, A583, N892, and L625, will also be shared. Lastly, we are expected to discuss the latest updated ATS Route Catalogue to improve air traffic management.

Your insights and participation are important to the success of this meeting. We appreciate your engagement and look forward to productive discussions to enhance the South China Sea regional airspace operations.

Enclosed herewith are the SCSTFRG/13 Provisional Order of Business (**Attachment A**), Provisional Agenda (**Attachment B**), Meeting Bulletin (**Attachment C**), and the current SCSTFRG Task List (**Attachment D**). ICAO requests that you kindly complete online registration(s) of the delegate(s) from your Administration that will be attending the meeting by **Wednesday 2 July 2025**. The registration link is provided on the meeting webpage, available through the ICAO Regional Office website at <a href="https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2025-SCSTFRG13.aspx">https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2025-SCSTFRG13.aspx</a>. Participants should obtain meeting materials prior to the commencement of the meeting from the meeting webpage.

To ensure a productive and effective meeting, States/Administrations/International Organizations are suggested to submit papers **no later than two weeks prior to the meeting date**, via email to the ICAO APAC Regional Sub-Office <u>APAC-RSO@icao.int</u> and <u>hykwon@icao.int</u>. In the event that papers are received after **Wednesday**, **2 July 2025**, these will normally be treated as flimsy, and may only be presented to the meeting if time permits and after all other papers correctly submitted before the deadline have been read.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Tao Ma Regional Director

## **Enclosures:**

Attachment A — Order of Business

Attachment B — Provisional Agenda

Attachment C — Meeting Bulletin

Attachment D — SCSTFRG Task List