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Agenda Item 5: Regional AIM Guidance and Planning

CONSIDERATION OF THE TIMELINE FOR PHASE III OF THE ASIA/PACIFIC PLAN FOR COLLABORATIVE AIM

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper reviews developments related to the Asia/Pacific Plan for Collaborative AIM, including updates to the APAC Air Navigation Plan (ANP) Volume III and the ICAO Global Implementation Support initiatives for AIM. Considering ongoing revisions to GANP, Annex 15, PANS-AIM, APAC RANP Volume III migration, and regional digitalization initiatives targeting implementation by the end of 2028, the paper proposes revising the implementation timeline for Phase III of the Performance Improvement Plan contained in the Asia/Pacific Plan for Collaborative AIM to the end of December 2028.

1. INTRODUCTION

Asia/Pacific Plan for Collaborative AIM

1.1 The AAITF/11 meeting (Bangkok, June 2017) identified the need to review and update the AIS quality management guidance and sample quality manual in the regional AIS Guidance Manual to support the transition from AIS to AIM. Following the meeting, ICAO established the AIM Steering Group, later restructured as the IMP Working Group-A (IMP/WG-A), to support global AIM implementation and develop related guidance materials. The Asia/Pacific Plan for Collaborative AIM was subsequently developed to provide regional guidance, information, and performance objectives for AIS improvement and AIM transition, while aligning with global ICAO guidance.

1.2 The Plan has been updated as necessary over time, and the current edition is Version 4, approved by the ATM Sub-Group of APANPIRG (ATM/SG/12).

APAC Air Navigation Plan Volume III

1.3 APANPIRG/36 agreed on a roadmap for updating the APAC Air Navigation Plan (ANP) Volume III, which includes regional planning objectives, implementation priorities, monitoring mechanisms, and guidance materials. The update is intended to incorporate the latest regional priorities currently reflected in the Asia/Pacific Seamless ANS Plan Version 4.0, endorsed by APANPIRG/35 in 2024. As the two documents largely complement each other, the updated APAC ANP Volume III is expected to eventually supersede the Asia/Pacific Seamless ANS Plan in order to streamline regional strategic documentation and improve efficiency.

1.4 The Meeting noted that the ICAO APAC Office had already initiated actions to revise APAC ANP Volume III in alignment with forthcoming updates to the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), with completion targeted for 2026. Singapore supported the initiative and emphasized the importance of harmonizing regional priorities with ICAO Headquarters’ discussions on the GANP “minimum implementation path.” The Meeting further noted that integrating the APAC Seamless ANS Plan into APAC ANP Volume III would facilitate harmonized implementation of GANP ASBU elements together with APAC regional priorities.

1.5 The Meeting was also informed that future revisions to APAC ANP Volume III would be managed through the relevant APANPIRG contributory bodies and aligned with the GANP update cycle.

ICAO Global Implementation Support for AIM

1.6 A separate paper presented under Agenda Item 4 introduced the ICAO Global Implementation Support initiatives related to AIM. The initiatives address key implementation areas, including WGS-84, AIS QMS, and digitalization, with the objective of achieving implementation by 50 per cent of Member States by the end of 2028.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 At AAITF/20 in 2025, a query was raised regarding the implementation timeline for Phase III of the Asia/Pacific Regional Plan for Collaborative AIM. A proposal was made to defer the target timeline until 2028, noting that the relevant regional requirements were still under development and consideration for the implementation period.

2.2 The AAITF/20 noted that outcomes arising from the 42nd ICAO Assembly, together with subsequent updates to the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), would need to be taken into account. Accordingly, any revision to the Asia/Pacific Regional Plan for Collaborative AIM should be considered following a review of the Asia/Pacific Seamless ANS Plan.

2.3 Consideration should also be given to the ongoing migration to the APAC Air Navigation Plan (RANP) Volume III and the inclusion of digitalization within the ICAO Global Implementation Support initiatives for AIM, which aim for more than 50 per cent of Member States/Administrations to achieve digitalization implementation by the end of 2028.

2.4 In addition, it is necessary to take into consideration the ongoing discussions within the Information Management Panel (IMP) concerning Digital Sets associated with amendments to Annex 15.

2.5 Further revisions to the Asia/Pacific Plan for Collaborative AIM are expected to be required in the coming years in order to reflect amendments to Annex 15 and PANS-AIM, as well as developments related to the migration to the APAC RANP Volume III. Nevertheless, at the present stage, it is proposed that the implementation timeline for Phase III be aligned with the schedule of the ICAO Global Implementation Support initiatives, with a target date of the end of 2028.

2.6 Therefore, the following **Conclusion** is for consideration by the meeting.

Conclusion AAITF/21-xx: Revision of the Asia/Pacific Plan for Collaborative AIM Phase III Timeline

That, the Amendment to the Asia/Pacific Plan for Collaborative AIM at **Appendix X** to the Report be adopted, including the revision of the implementation timeline for Phase III of the Performance Improvement Plan to the end of December 2028, and that the amended Plan be posted on the ICAO Asia/Pacific Regional Office eDocuments web-page.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) note the information contained in this paper;
 - b) discuss the proposed revision to the implementation timeline for Phase III of the Performance Improvement Plan contained in the Asia/Pacific Plan for Collaborative AIM;
 - c) consider Conclusion AAITF/21-xx on the revision of the implementation timeline for Phase III to the end of December 2028; and
 - d) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

Conclusion AAITF/21-X: Revision of the Asia/Pacific Plan for Collaborative AIM Phase III Timeline	
What: That, That, the Amendment to the Asia/Pacific Plan for Collaborative AIM at Appendix X to the Report be adopted, including the revision of the implementation timeline for Phase III of the Performance Improvement Plan to the end of December 2028, and that the amended Plan be posted on the ICAO Asia/Pacific Regional Office eDocuments web-page.	Expected impact: <input type="checkbox"/> Political / Global <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-regional <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops/Technical
Why: To take into consideration the current pace of implementation activities and the need to ensure alignment with the ICAO Global Implementation Support initiatives for AIM.	Follow-up: <input type="checkbox"/> Required from States
When: 7-Aug-26	Status: Draft to be adopted by Subgroup
Who: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub groups <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APAC States <input type="checkbox"/> ICAO APAC RO <input type="checkbox"/> ICAO HQ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: XXXX	

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