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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 Search and Rescue (SAR) related ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies as updated by the Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG/36, 24 – 26 November 2025), and by information provided to the ICAO Asia and Pacific (APAC) Office in 2026.

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 (**Appendix A**) is an excerpt from the APANPIRG list of deficiencies in the ATM and Airspace Safety Fields, as updated by APANPIRG/36 and by additional information provided to ICAO APAC Office prior to APSAR/WG/11.

2.2 29 Administrations have APANPIRG ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies in the SAR field recorded by APANPIRG/36.

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, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

2.4 The Administrations mentioned above are required to update the corrective action plans (CAPs) in the APANPIRG ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies, for consideration by ATM/SG/14 and APANPIRG/37.

Corrective Action Plans

2.5 Papua New Guinea, by letter Ref. MET: 146-04-01 dated 16 March 2026 submitted its progress to the ICAO APAC Office on addressing APANPIRG Air Navigation Deficiencies in Aviation Meteorology and SAR areas.

2.6 Progress in addressing ATM and Airspace Safety Deficiencies in the SAR field includes:

- a) establishment of Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) through the Ministerial Directive, dated 12 March 2025;
- b) conclusion of SAR agreements with Australia and Indonesia, with ongoing efforts to finalize additional agreements with Nauru, Solomon Islands and the United States; and
- c) development of the National SAR Plan under the State SAR Corrective Action Plan, with the target completion date of 30 November 2026.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
 - b) provide corrective action plans and target dates for resolution of recorded deficiencies;
 - c) agree to the proposed update of the Deficiency List in **Appendix A**; and
 - d) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.
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APPENDIX A

ATM AND AIRSPACE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES LIST
(Updated 21 October 2025 + APSAR/WG/11)

States/facilities	Deficiencies			Corrective Action		
	Description	Date first reported	Remarks	Executing body	Target date	Priority **
	SAR capability: 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					
Afghanistan	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 55%	Afghanistan	2019	U
Bangladesh	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	APSAR/WG/10 66% APSAR/WG/11 67%	Bangladesh	2019	U
Bhutan	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 26% APSAR/WG/11 12%	Bhutan	2019	U
Brunei Darussalam	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	APSAR/WG/10 62%	Brunei	2019	U
Cambodia	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 74%	Cambodia	2019	U
Macao, China	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 86%	Macao, China	2019	U
Cook Islands	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 60%	Cook Islands	2019	U
DPR Korea	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 70%	DPR Korea	2019	U
French Polynesia	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	APSAR/WG/10 82%	French Polynesia	2019	U
Kiribati	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 25%	Kiribati	2019	U

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Lao PDR	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 56% APSAR/WG/11 51%	Lao PDR	2019	U
Maldives	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 76% APSAR/WG/11 84%	Maldives	2019	U
Marshall Islands	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 17% APSAR/WG/11 60%	Marshall Islands	2019	U
Micronesia	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 17%	Micronesia	2019	U
Mongolia	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	APSAR/WG/10 87% APSAR/WG/11 70%	Mongolia	2019	U
Myanmar	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 68%	Myanmar	2019	U
Nauru	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 0% APSAR/WG/11 20%	Nauru	2019	U
Nepal	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 50% APSAR/WG/11 56%	Nepal	2019	U
New Caledonia	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	APSAR/WG/10 77%	New Caledonia	2019	U
Pakistan	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	APSAR/WG/10 89%	Pakistan	2019	U
Palau	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 17%	Palau	2019	U
Papua New Guinea	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 37% APSAR/WG/11 82%	Papua New Guinea	2019 30 November 2026	U
Samoa	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 0%	Samoa	2019	U
Solomon Islands	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 0%	Solomon Islands	2019	U
Sri Lanka	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	17/05/2019	APSAR/WG/10 86% APSAR/WG/11 87%	Sri Lanka	2019	U

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Timor-Leste	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 0%	Timor-Leste	2019	U
Tonga	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 68%	Tonga	2019	U
Tuvalu	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	28/05/2022	APSAR/WG/10 0%	Tuvalu	2024	U
Vanuatu	Asia/Pacific SAR Plan	06/07/2015	APSAR/WG/10 0%	Vanuatu	2019	U

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