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Agenda Item 4: Air Navigation Service Deficiencies

UPDATE ON THE AIRSPACE CLASSIFICATION OF MACAO, CHINA

(Presented by Macao, China)

SUMMARY

This paper presents an update on the progress of Macao, China in advancing its airspace classification work to address the existing ICAO deficiency.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 An APANPIRG Air Navigation Deficiency in Air Traffic Management (ATM) and Airspace Safety was recorded for Macao, China being not in compliance with the relevant Standards in ICAO Annex 11. This Information Paper informs the meeting that Macao, China has initiated the necessary actions to rectify the deficiency and ensure alignment with ICAO requirements.

2. DISCUSSION

Resolution of the Deficiency

2.1 Macao, China has designated the airspace supporting operations at Macau International Airport as an Aerodrome Traffic Zone (ATZ) since the airport's inauguration in 1995. The ATZ is classified as Class C in accordance with paragraph 2.6 of ICAO Annex 11, and this classification is published in the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) of Macao, China.

2.2 The applicable standards, requirements and services associated with airspace classification are prescribed in Aeronautical Circular AC/ATS/003R05 – ATS Requirements, which is empowered by the Air Navigation Regulation of Macao, China, with latest amendment promulgated on 11 May 2026.

2.3 The characteristics of Macao, China ATZ are being updated to ensure full compliance with the specifications of ICAO Annex 11. The corresponding AIP amendment is planned for publication on 20 August 2026.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) determine whether to recommend to APANPIRG that the ANS deficiency be removed; and
- c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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