INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**TWENTY NINTH MEETING OF THE ASIA/PACIFIC
AIR NAVIGATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION
REGIONAL GROUP (APANPIRG/29)**

Bangkok, Thailand, 3 to 5 September 2018

Agenda Item 1C: Aviation Safety and RASG-APAC Activities

**REPORT OF THE FIFTH COORDINATION MEETING BETWEEN
THE CHAIRPERSONS OF APANPIRG AND RASG-APAC**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper summarizes the outcomes of the 5th coordination meeting between APANPIRG & RASG APAC held on 18th July 2018.

Strategic Objectives:
  A: **Safety** *– Enhance global civil aviation safety*
  B: ***Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency****—Increase the capacity and improve the efficiency of the global aviation system*

Action by the meetings is at Para 3 to this Working Paper.

1.   INTRODUCTION

1.1   The Fifth APANPIRG/RASG–APAC Coordination Meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 18 July 2018. The meeting was attended by the APANPIRG Chair and Vice-Chairs, RASG-APAC Chair and ICAO Secretariat.

2.   DISCUSSION

2.1   The outcomes of the meeting are summarized in the **Attachment** to this Working Paper.

3.   ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1   The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this paper.

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**Fifth Regional Coordination Meeting of
Planning and Implementation Regional Group (PIRG) and
Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG)**

ICAO APAC OFFICE
18 July 2018

REPORT

1.   Introduction

1.1   The Fifth APANPIRG and RASG-APAC Regional Coordination Meeting was held in Bangkok on 18 July 2018. The meeting adopted the following Agenda:

Agenda Item 1:   Progress updates on the outcomes of the 4th PIRG and RASG-APAC Regional Coordination Meeting

Agenda Item 2:   Outcome of the First Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation and Follow-up Action Plan

Agenda Item 3:   PIRG/RASG – Way forward

Agenda Item 4:   Empowerment to APANPIRG Sub-Group

Agenda Item 5:   Lead Regional Group – Responsibilities

Agenda Item 6:   Any Other Business

2.   Attendance

2.1   The meeting was attended by:

RASG-APAC
1.   Mr. HMC Nimalsiri, Chairman of the RASG-APAC – DG, CAA Sri Lanka

APANPIRG
2.   Mr. Graeme Harris, Chairman of the APANPIRG – Director, CAA New Zealand
3.   Mr. Kevin Shum, First Vice-chair – Director General, CAA Singapore
4.   Mr. Li Tin Chui, Second Vice-chair – Director General, CAD, Hong Kong, China

ICAO
1.   Mr. Arun Mishra, Regional Director, ICAO APAC Office
2.   Dr. Manjit Singh, Deputy Regional Director, ICAO APAC Office
3.   Mr. Len Wicks, RO/ATM
4.   Dr. Punya Raj Shakya, RO/AGA
5.   Mr. Parakrama Dissanayake, RO/TA
6.   Mr. S. M. Nazmul Anam, RO/FS
7.   Ms. Zhou Ying, ATM Expert

Observers

8.   Mr. Felix TSAO, Senior Electronics Engineer, Hong Kong, China
9.   Mr. Samuel NG, Senior Evaluation Officer, Hong Kong, China
10.   Mr. Steven PANG, Safety Officer, Hong Kong, China
11.   Mr. Hansel Chen, ATC Manager (System Architecture), CAA Singapore

3.   Summary of Discussions

Agenda Item 1 — Progress updates on the outcomes of the 4th PIRG and RASG-APAC Regional Coordination Meeting

3.1   The meeting noted the progress on the outcomes of the 4th APANPIRG RASG Regional Coordination meeting.

3.2   The meeting also noted that the Summary Report on APANPIRG/28 and RASG-APAC/7 Meetings was presented to ANC Working Group (SRP meeting) via video conference by the Regional Director on 8 November 2017. RASG-APAC Chairman, Mr. H. M. C Nimalsiri also participated in the video conference from Sri Lanka.

3.3   The Council in its 214th Session noted common challenges faced by Regions which were presented by ANC in its Working Paper. The Council approved actions to be taken by relevant HQ and Regional Offices to address those common regional challenges which are attached in **Appendix B** to C-WP/14758.

3.4   In order to address issues related to Civil/Military Coordination the meeting recommended that, in future, the Secretariat will send the State Letter to the Ministry in charge of Civil Aviation of the State in addition to respective CAAs.

3.5   The meeting was also informed about the first APAC Newsletter published in June 2018 and discussed that a dedicated page may be allocated for publication of an important information/news of the Member States or to provide a link to the respective State's Website.

Agenda Item 2 — Outcome of the First Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation and Follow Up Action Plan

3.6   The Declaration on Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation (Beijing Declaration), endorsed by the First Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation (APACMC) held in Beijing, China from 31 January to 1 February 2018 was reviewed by the Meeting. The meeting also discussed Ministers' commitments on specific activities of safety and air navigation with the target dates for their implementation.

3.7   As follow-up action on Beijing Declaration, the Secretariat would review the Beijing Declaration objectives in 2020 in order to reflect, as required, any resolutions agreed to by the ICAO Assembly in 2019, including those on the endorsement of the new versions of the GASP and GANP, and initiate the organization of the Second Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation in 2020 or thereafter.

3.8   Also, the Secretariat would make efforts to enable the continuous monitoring and annual reporting of the commitments in the Beijing Declaration, and request the RASG-APAC and APANPIRG to establish relevant goals and targets to monitor progress towards the fulfilment of the commitments, as follows:

a)   RASG-APAC and Asia Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Team (APRAST): on aviation safety, accident investigation and human resources development; and

b)   APANPIRG and its contributory bodies: on air navigation services and human resources development.

3.9   The RASG-APAC and APANPRIG, through the APAC Regional Office, would continuously report progress to the annual APAC DGCA Conference.

3.10   In order to discuss and develop concrete action plans on Beijing Declaration's Commitments during the 55th Conference of the DGCA in Fiji, the breakout sessions on following topics would be included in the programme of the 55th DGCA Conference:

a)   **Commitment on Aerodrome Certification:** Certification of all aerodromes used for international operations by 2020;

b)   **Commitment on Implementation of the Asia/Pacific Seamless Air Traffic Management (ATM) Plan by 2022:** Implementation of Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) /Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) for high density airports; and

c)   **Commitment on State Safety Programme:** Implement an effective State Safety Programme (SSP) by 2025.

Agenda Item 3 — PIRG/RASG – Way forward

3.11   The meeting was informed about ICAO planning on restructuring of PIRG & RASG for enhancement of these Groups (C-DEC 210/4 refers), including better alignment and harmonization of the groups' working mechanisms; the need to adopt a project-based methodology for the work they undertake; and means to increase effectiveness and efficiency of the groups. The Council decision (C-DEC 210/4) also called for a closer link between the PIRGs and RASGs and States' DGCAs as well as a revision of the groups' Terms of References to support all above points and enhance their working arrangements. The need to align the work of the groups as well as their organizational structures with the latest ICAO Global Plans, such as the Global Aviation Safety Plan which contains clear Goals and Targets for the RASGs. The integration of the groups' work programmes with the ICAO Business and Operational Plans, the need to increase efficiency and avoid overlapping of activities, mainly looking at a new format for PIRG and RASG meetings; and improved reporting by the groups to ensure the necessary information to Headquarters and enhanced monitoring to assess the groups' efforts in reaching their established goals and targets.

3.12   The Meeting agreed that further study and review of the proposal is required.

Agenda Item 4 — Empowerment to APANPIRG Sub-Group

3.13   The meeting was informed about an implementation of APANPIRG/26 Decision 65 on *Empowerment to APANPIRG Sub-Group* which was effective from 2017 meeting year to adopt Conclusions and Decisions on technical matters (especially those concerning guidance to States in the implementation of ICAO SARPs, GANP, RANP, Seamless ATM Plan) that do not have additional economic, environmental or political effects, which should be considered at a higher level at APANPIRG. The review of the empowerment to APANPIRG Sub-Group was done by the Small Working Group formed by APANPIRG/28 meeting and found that it has been working effectively as envisaged by APANPIRG. The similar empowerment policy may be considered in RASG-APAC for APRAST to make conclusions or decisions with respect to Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEI) developed by APRAST. The Secretariat would prepare and present a working paper to RASG-APAC in this regard.

Agenda Item 5 — Lead Regional Group – Responsibilities

3.14   The meeting reviewed the lead regional group responsibilities assigned and agreed during previous coordination meetings, as shown in the table below.

Coordination item	RASG-APAC	APANPIRG
SSP	√	
Controlled Flight into Terrain (CFIT)	√	
Fatigue Risk Management (FRM	√	
Laser Attack	√	
A-CDM(Aerodrome Collaborative Decision Making		√
RPAS(Remotely Piloted Aviation system		√
Safety management, safety oversight system and flight operations safety aspects	√	
Air navigation facilities and services implementation aspects		√
AGA and **ANS** safety areas	**Required coordination**	
Airspace Contingency, Natural disaster/Crisis, Conflict		√

3.15   The meeting decided to assign following lead group responsibilities with regard to *runway safety* and *English language proficiency* as shown in the table below:

Coordination item	RASG-APAC	APANPIRG
Runway Safety		√
English Language Proficiency	√	

Agenda Item 6 — Any Other Business

3.16   The meeting was informed of the establishment of the new Task Force based on the 54th DGCA Action Item 25, comprising members from Australia, China, Hong Kong China, Pakistan, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand and United States of America, to focus exclusively on strengthening and evolving existing regional mechanism for regional cooperation, towards capability and capacity building and technical assistance.

3.17   The first video conference of the Task Force was held on 5th June 2018 and Mr. Tay Tiang Guan, Deputy Director General, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore was elected as Chairperson of the Task Force.

3.18   The face to face meeting of the Task Force would be held on 1 – 2 August 2018 at the ICAO APAC Regional Office, where Draft TOR of the Task Force would be finalized.

Closing: APANPIRG Chair and RASG Chair thanked ICAO RO for organizing the coordination meetings. The Chairs extended full support necessary for future coordination.

ICAO Regional Director thanked the Chairs and Vice Chairs for their attendance and valued the coordination and support. With these remarks ICAO Regional Director closed the meeting.

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