

THIRD MEETING OF THE ALLPIRG/ADVISORY GROUP

(Montreal, 6 – 8 April 1999)

AGENDA AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

Agenda Item 1: Review of follow-up actions on the ALLPIRG/2 Report

The meeting will review follow-up actions taken on the conclusions of the ALLPIRG/2 Meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Review of the format of meetings of Chairmen of the CNS/ATM IC Sub-groups

ALLPIRG/2 had agreed to devote one day prior to each ALLPIRG meeting, commencing with ALLPIRG/3, to a coordination meeting of Chairmen of the CNS/ATM IC Sub-groups. As there are mixed opinions on the merits of holding such a meeting, ALLPIRG/3 will have another opportunity for a discussion which will help determine how this coordination meeting should be conducted, the topics for discussion, how much time should be devoted, etc.

Agenda Item 3: Review of follow-up actions to the World-wide CNS/ATM Systems Implementation Conference

The meeting will review the outcome of, and follow-up action taken by the Council of ICAO on, the World-wide CNS/ATM Systems Implementation Conference. The recommendations which specifically call for certain actions by the ALLPIRG will be presented with a view to seeking the ALLPIRG's confirmation that it will make appropriate contributions.

Agenda Item 4: Financing issues

The meeting will review ICAO's plans to: a) identify situations where the establishment of autonomous entities and multinational cooperative ventures for the provision and operation of air navigation services would be effective and advantageous, and promote their development accordingly; b) develop business cases and facilitate financing, cost recovery and charges collection for the provision and operation of air navigation services; and c) develop related policy and guidance material through the worldwide Conference on the Economics of Airports and Air Navigation Services convened by the Council from 19 to 28 June 2000.

Agenda Item 5: Interregional coordination and harmonization mechanism**5.1 Uniform methodology for assessing air navigation shortcomings and deficiencies**

The Council of ICAO approved, in June 1998, a uniform methodology for assessing air navigation shortcomings and deficiencies for application worldwide. Its implementation is largely in the hands of the regional groups. The meeting will consider its application and the need for its further refinement.

5.2 Harmonization of regional basic ANP and FASID

In early 1997, the ICAO Council decided that each of ICAO's regional air navigation plans (ANPs) should be divided into a basic ANP and a Facilities and Services Implementation Document (FASID) to facilitate an expeditious amendment process for more dynamic planning. The task of dividing the existing ANPs, now being undertaken by each region, clearly provides an opportunity to align the presentation of the planning material into a standard format, leading to global harmonization. The meeting will be presented with progress made so far on the development of a standard format, in the form of basic ANP and FASID models, and identify further work.

5.3 Expanded role of PIRGs for participation of financial institutions in PIRG meetings

With a view to promoting a more business-like approach to the regional planning process, ALLPIRG/2 recommended an expanded role of PIRGs, which would involve conducting a cost/benefit analysis for implementation options, greater access to economic and financial expertise, and participation of financial institutions in PIRG meetings. As such, the meeting will be presented with some new draft terms of reference for consideration which will be further examined by the Council.

5.4 Status of implementation of WGS-84

States are expected to have implemented WGS-84 on 1 January 1998. The meeting will review a report on the progress of implementation of WGS-84 and seek means of expediting the process.

5.5 Interregional extension of the pilot project on CNS/ATM implementation

As a follow-up to an ALLPIRG/2 recommendation, ICAO established a special implementation project, on a trial basis, in the CAR/SAM Regions for all enhancements to the role and scope of PIRGs. The meeting will review the progress made so far in this pilot project and consider its extension to an interregional application.

5.6 Interregional input for the CAR/SAM/3 RAN Meeting

A full-scale regional air navigation (RAN) meeting for the CAR/SAM Regions is slated for October 1999. The meeting will be presented with the current status of preparations and will review the extent of interregional coordination required to ensure global harmonization in air navigation planning.

5.7 Y2K date change preparations

Pursuant to the ALLPIRG/2 recommendation requesting ICAO to address the year 2000 (Y2K) date change problem, and in follow-up of several other initiatives within ICAO, the Secretariat has embarked on a substantial Y2K programme (see ICAO Resolution A32-10). Critical to the success of that programme is work being accomplished at the regional level, more specifically, planning for Y2K contingencies. The ALLPIRG/3 Meeting is being viewed as a critical milestone for the planning and assessment of Y2K contingency planning at the regional level. Regional Directors and Chairmen of PIRGs will present to ALLPIRG substantive material regarding Y2K contingency planning in their regions or justify the non-existence of such.

5.8 ICAO position for WRC-2000

The meeting will be presented with the proposed ICAO position at the forthcoming ITU World Radio Communications Conference (WRC-2000), and will be invited to contribute adequate support to ICAO.

Agenda Item 6: Technical cooperation issues

The meeting will review the technical cooperation requirements of developing States and ICAO's plans to address this issue for a coordinated implementation of CNS/ATM systems.

Agenda Item 7: Any other business

The meeting will consider any other issues under this agenda item.

Agenda Item 8: Report approval

The meeting will review and approve a draft report.