



**Sixth Meeting of CNS/MET Sub-Group of APANPIRG**

Bangkok, Thailand, 15 – 19 July 2002

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**Agenda Item 14: Regional preparations for the MET Divisional Meeting (2002)**

**AGENDA AND ISSUES FOR MET DIVISIONAL MEETING 2002**

(Presented by Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper provides brief information on the provisional agenda and issues to be discussed at the MET Divisional Meeting, 9 – 27 September 2002, Montreal.

**1. Introduction**

1.1 On 12 December 2001, the Council (164/12) agreed that a Meteorology (MET) Divisional Meeting be held in Montreal from 9 to 27 September 2002. This meeting is to be held conjointly with the Twelfth Session of the Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology (CAeM/XIIth) of the World Meteorological Organization.

1.2 It is expected that under this agenda item the participants may wish to provide information on the papers and issues that their States plan to present at the MET Divisional Meeting.

**2. Discussion**

2.1 It shall be recalled that the objective of the divisional-type air navigation meeting is to make recommendations, within the scope of its agenda, for new SARPs, procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS) and guidance material, or for amendments of the existing SARPs, PANS and guidance material. Apart from this primary objective the meeting prepares, as necessary, other recommendations on individual agenda items for action by Contracting States or the Organization.

2.2 A need for a divisional meeting arises when there exist a substantial number of subjects of world-wide scope related to only one or a few specific air navigation fields.

2.3 The meeting may wish to recall that the previous divisional meeting related to MET was the COM/MET/OPS Divisional Meeting, held from 5 to 28 September 1990 in Montreal. This meeting was held conjointly with the Ninth Session of the Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology (CAeM/IXth) of the World Meteorological Organization. The meeting discussed issues related to the WAFS and the transition to the final phase; aeronautical MET codes – METAR, SPECI and TAF; aeronautical climatological information; SIGMET information and warnings of hazardous weather in the vicinity of aerodrome; automatic weather observing stations; provision of meteorological information for helicopter operations; air reporting.

2.4 The purpose of the MET Divisional Meeting, 2002, is to address a number of important MET items related to:

- i) the final phase of the world area forecast system (WAFS): improvement in the quality and timeliness of forecasts for clear air turbulence and icing;
- ii) use of the data link to uplink operational meteorological (OPMET) messages and forecast data (in alphanumeric and graphical formats) to aircraft;
- iii) the International Airways Volcano Watch (IAVW);
- iv) proposals to take account of the availability of automated meteorological observing systems at airports;
- v) the restructuring of Annex 3 — Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation into core Standards and Recommended Practices and detailed technical specifications and requirements;
- vi) the quality assurance; and
- vii) guidelines for access to WAFS data and products and OPMET information through the Internet.

2.5 The provisional agenda of the Meeting is given in the attachment to this paper. Further information on the organization of the Meeting as well as the list of the available working/information papers can be found at:

[http://www.icao.int/icao/en/anb/met/divmtg/divmtg\\_2002.htm](http://www.icao.int/icao/en/anb/met/divmtg/divmtg_2002.htm)

### 3. **Action by the Meeting**

#### 3.1 The meeting is invited to :

- note the information regarding the MET Divisional Meeting, 6 – 27 September 2002, Montreal.



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Meteorology (MET) Divisional Meeting  
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Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology  
Twelfth Session

**Montreal, 9 to 27 September 2002**

## **AGENDA**

(Presented by ICAO Secretariat)

Agenda Item 1: Meteorological component of CNS/ATM systems

- 1.1) Final phase of the WAFS
- 1.2) Uplink/downlink of OPMET information
- 1.3) Development of specialized WAFS products for turbulence and icing forecasts
- 1.4) International airways volcano watch (IAVW)

Agenda Item 2: Meteorological support for operations at aerodromes and in the terminal area

- 2.1) Meteorological observing systems at aerodromes
- 2.2) Tailoring meteorological information format, content and timeliness to support improvements in airport capacity

Agenda Item 3: Restructuring of Annex 3\*

Agenda Item 4: Institutional changes and trends in the provision of meteorological services to international air navigation.

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\* All references to Annex 3 apply equally to WMO Technical Regulations [C.3.1].