



International Civil Aviation Organization

Eight Meeting of the Communications/Navigation/Surveillance and Meteorology Sub-Group (CNS/MET SG/8) of APANPIRG

Bangkok, Thailand, 12-16 July 2004

Agenda Item 2: **Review**
 2) **review relevant action items of the 40th DGCA Conference related to CNS/MET systems**

Agenda Item 7: **Aeronautical electromagnetic spectrum utilization:**
 2) **review preparations for WRC-2007.**

ACTION ITEMS OF THE 40TH DGCA CONFERENCE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents action Items developed by the 40th DGCA Conference in the CNS/MET fields for review.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The 40th Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCAs), Asia and Pacific Regions was held in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia from 1 to 5 September 2003. The list of Action Items developed by the conference is provided in Attachment.

2. DISCUSSION

Deficiencies in the CNS and MET fields

2.1 In the CNS field, the Conference noted improvements in AFTN. It was also noted that States concerned had taken actions to improve the aeronautical communications services to overcome identified deficiencies.

2.2 In the MET field, of the six deficiencies identified in the list, two were partly resolved and one other State has reported that corrective action had been taken since the last APANPIRG meeting. The deficiencies related to the implementation of the IAVW were being addressed by means of an on-going Special Implementation Project (SIP) approved by the ICAO Council for implementation in 2003. As requested by IATA, the status of the deficiency on reporting of information on volcanic eruptions to civil aviation units has been changed from "A" to "U" since it was considered a serious safety issue. A new MET deficiency has been added to the list on the non-implementation of the tropical cyclone advisories by the TCAC New Delhi, India. Consequently India informed that action had been taken to resolve the deficiency related to the implementation of TCAC New Delhi.

2.3 The meeting requested States and users sources to provide regular updates on the list of deficiencies including instances where actions have been taken by States for the resolution of deficiencies.

Outcome of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-2003)

2.4 The meeting reviewed a paper presented by the ICAO Secretariat, which provided the outcome of WRC 2003. The decisions of the WRC-2003, on all agenda items that addressed or affected aeronautical allocations were satisfactory to international civil aviation and were in conformity with the ICAO position. Pivotal in achieving these results was the active participation of aeronautical representatives, ICAO observers and experts from concerned international organizations at all the five Asia – Pacific (APT) Regional Preparatory Group meetings and assistance provided to the designated contact points by the ICAO Regional Office conducting two Regional Preparatory Meetings for WRC 2003.

2.5 Designation of focal point of contact responsible for preparation for WRC-2003 was a very important factor in facilitating coordination with Telecommunication Regulators in each State to coordinate aviation position.

2.6 The Fourteenth Meeting of APANPIRG held in Bangkok from 4 to 8 August 2003 noted the result of WRC-2003 and adopted the following Conclusion to initiate actions for timely preparation for WRC-2007.

Conclusion 14/24 - Preparation for World Radiocommunication Conference- 2007 (WRC-2007)

That, States,

- a) assign high priority to aeronautical spectrum management;
- b) participate in the development of States' position for WRCs at the national level to ensure support to the ICAO position;
- c) ensure, to the extent possible that, aviation representatives are included in States delegations to the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Conference Preparatory Group meetings and at WRCs;
- d) to nominate an ICAO designated focal point or contact person for aviation issues related to the WRC-2007; and
- e) ensure participation of the designated focal point or contact person at the ICAO Regional Preparatory Group Meetings for WRC-2007, APT Conference Preparatory Group Meetings for WRC-2007, and at WRC-2007.

2.7 The Conference noted with appreciation the satisfactory work carried out by States and ICAO to achieve satisfactory result and agreed that concerted efforts should be made to safeguard aviation interest at WRC 2007 and formulated Action Item 40/5 provided in the Attachment.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

The meeting is expected to:

- a) review the Action Items developed by the 40th DGCA conference: and
- b) urge States to designate a focal point of contact to coordinate preparation for WRC- 2007.

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THE 40TH CONFERENCE

- Action Item 40/1** Recognizing the crucial importance and relevance of human factors and safety culture in safety management systems, the Conference urged States which have gained experience in these areas to provide support in coordination with the ICAO Regional Office in organizing workshops/seminars for the benefit of States in the Asia Pacific regions.
- Action Item 40/2** In view of the substantial amount of work and progress made in air navigation planning and implementation, the Conference reaffirmed the continuation of support from all States in the activities of APANPIRG and called for greater focus on implementation.
- Action Item 40/3** Recognizing the adverse impact on safety, efficiency and regularity of air transport, the Conference strongly urged all States to take appropriate measures and fully cooperate in the resolution of Deficiencies on a high priority basis as requested by APANPIRG. In this respect attention of the delegates was drawn to the State Letter from the Secretary General to the Ministers of Civil Aviation, with which was attached a list of deficiencies in each of the Administrations in the region.
- Action Item 40/4** Recognizing the complexity and the need to place highly specialized resources at a short notice for search and rescue, the Conference urged States to cooperate fully in sharing information and resources as far as practicable and to keep ICAO Regional Office informed of all agreements in this regard.
- Action Item 40/5** The Conference strongly urged States to:
- a) nominate a focal point of contact responsible for preparation for WRC 2007 and provide the details to ICAO; and
 - b) ensure active participation by aviation representatives at national and regional level discussions and to the extent possible incorporate ICAO position in the States position paper to APT preparatory meetings and at WRC 2007
- Action Item 40/6** Recognizing the critical need to restore public confidence in air transport, the Conference strongly urged States to accord aviation security and related facilitation measures the highest priorities in their on-going work programmes in accordance with Assembly Resolutions and Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) adopted by ICAO.
- Action Item 40/7** Recognizing the need to maintain a collective commitment to ICAO's aviation security initiatives and noting that the level of success in the execution of ICAO's aviation security programme is totally dependent on the level of contributions, the Conference urged traditional donor States of the AVSEC Mechanism consider maintaining or increasing their level of contribution and other donor States to make voluntary contributions as well.

- Action Item 40/8** Recognizing the resource constraints faced by ICAO, the Conference urged Contracting States to consider increasing their contribution at the next ICAO Assembly and to make urgent voluntary contributions in order to allow the ICAO Secretariat to provide the necessary support for the ICAO Aviation Security Plan of Action.
- Action Item 40/9** Recognizing that the International Air Services Transit Agreement (IATA) is a cornerstone of multilateralism in international air transport, the Conference urged Administrations of those States that are not signatories to the IATA to take the necessary actions to ratify the Agreement.
- Action Item 40/10** Recognizing that Contracting States attending the Fifth Worldwide Air Transport Conference tasked ICAO with the development and maintenance of a number of information databases on liberalization experiences and case studies, ownership and control, consumer interests, product distribution, bilateral agreements and the use of the Template Air Services Agreements (TASAs), the Conference urged States to take this into account in the development of their work programmes and to provide appropriate reports and other relevant information to ICAO on a timely basis.
- Action Item 40/11** Recognizing the strong support by States for the objectives laid out in clauses 4 and 5 of Section IV (Trade in Services) of Assembly Resolution A33-19, the Conference urged all Contracting States to ensure that their trade policies, as put forth by their delegates to the WTO Council for Trade in Services, are fully informed of the detailed safety, security and environmental issues in accordance with ICAO provisions.
- Action Item 40/12** Recognizing the importance attributed by the 33rd Session of ICAO Assembly and the High-level Ministerial Conference on Aviation Security to sub-regional approaches in aviation security, and based upon the valuable experience gained with the COSCAP Programmes in flight safety, the Conference complimented ICAO for the initiative taken in proposing the establishment of Cooperative Aviation Security Programmes (CASP) in the various sub-regions. The Conference emphasized the importance of States joining these CASP Programmes and of contributions by States as well as by multi-lateral and bi-lateral donors.
- Action Item 40/13** In acknowledging the potential economic benefits of utilizing ICAO's Civil Aviation Purchasing Service (CAPS) under its Technical Co-operation, the Conference requested States/Administrations in the Asia and Pacific Regions to consider taking full advantage of this facility.