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**The Fourth Meeting of the Regional Airspace Safety Monitoring Advisory Group
(RASMAG/4)**

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Agenda Item 2: Review of APANPIRG/16 and 42nd DGCA Conference outcomes

OUTCOMES OF THE 42nd DGCA CONFERENCE IN RELATION TO RASMAG

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper brings to the attention of RASMAG relevant information, including Action Item 42/4, from the 42nd Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation, Asia and Pacific Regions, held from 26-30 September, 2005.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The 42nd Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation, Asia and Pacific Regions (42nd DGCA Conference), was held at the Gold Coast, Australia, from 26-30 September 2005. The Conference engaged in significant discussion in relation to matters of relevance to RASMAG.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The 42nd DGCA Conference was informed about the progress of the Regional Airspace Safety Monitoring Advisory Group (RASMAG) and the fact that the application of RVSM and other reduced separation minima were predicated on safety assessments and having met the target level of safety was strongly emphasized.

2.2 The Conference was advised that the problems in respect of the provision of safety data discussed at the Conference last year remained. In particular, although follow up actions had been continually undertaken by the ICAO Regional Office and regional RMAs in an effort to ensure States provided suitable safety data, some States had still not provided data.

2.3 The Conference was informed that APANPIRG had noted that the expertise and mechanisms for the funding of multinational infrastructure and services required for safety monitoring activities were not readily available in most States in the Asia/Pacific region. Accordingly, APANPIRG/16 had decided to form a study group comprised of appropriate experts to recommend a proposal to assist States to organize and finance the mechanisms for provision of safety services. Directors General were urged to commit the expertise to participate in the study group in order to develop appropriate and sustainable mechanisms to organize and fund necessary safety monitoring services.

2.4 IATA referred the Conference to APANPIRG Conclusion 16/5, in regard to non-implementation of reduced separation unless compliant with Annex 11, and requested that the ICAO Regional Office make every effort to assist those individual States that are not compliant with the Annex 11 Chapter 2 safety management provisions.

2.5 A workshop in relation to Safety Management Systems was held during the Conference, moderated by the Director of the ICAO Air Navigation Bureau. The Moderator provided a broad overview of the global perspective on international civil aviation at the strategic level, noting the public outcry on safety as a result of recent accidents.

2.6 The Moderator observed that judging from the preceding sessions of the Conference, there undoubtedly was strong support in carrying forward ICAO Safety Management Systems in the Region. He drew the attention of the workshop to the need for information sharing within the scope of ICAO's Unified Strategy and for a continued need to work with a better focus.

2.7 As some States had extensive experience with SMS, these States reiterated their full willingness to share this experience and provide assistance. The workshop took note of the SMS Workshop to be organized by Hong Kong (China) in close coordination with the Regional Office during 2006.

2.8 Given the depth of discussions and the commitment to the need for implementing SMS demonstrated by the workshop it was agreed that the Regional Office in coordination with States would scope a project on the implementation of SMS in the Region.

2.9 The 42nd DGCA Conference endorsed a total of 11 Action Items, including the following Action Item of relevance to the work of RASMAG:

42nd DGCA Conference Action Item 42/4

Recognizing the ICAO provisions on implementing Safety Management Systems, the Conference urged all Administrations in the Asia Pacific Region to fully support the project on SMS and the APANPIRG Regional Airspace Safety Monitoring Advisory Group (RASMAG) by providing safety data in a complete and timely manner as well as to support the initiatives by APANPIRG to devise sustainable funding arrangements.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information in this paper, including Action Item 42/4 arising from the 42nd DGCA Conference.

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