

ELEVENTH AIR NAVIGATION CONFERENCE

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**Agenda Item 5 Review of the outcome of the ITU World Radio Conference (2003)
: (WRC-2003) and its impact on aeronautical electromagnetic spectrum
utilization**

INCREASING AVIATION'S EFFECTIVENESS IN THE WRC PROCESS

(Presented by Australia)

SUMMARY

The common proposals from the major regional groups in preparation for the WRC-03 proved a major force in deciding the outcomes of the conference. This working paper proposes that ICAO States should make more effective use of the ITU-R regional meetings so that Aviation's views are better represented at WRCs.

Action by the conference is in paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In preparation for recent World Radio Conferences (WRCs), regional telecommunities have set up cooperative arrangement between Administrations (Country telecommunications regulatory bodies) to develop proposals and positions which can be put to the WRC as common regional proposals and positions on the agenda items.

1.2 Typical regional bodies include the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT), the conférence Européen des administrations des postes et des telecommunications (European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations, CEPT) and la Comisión Interamericana de Telecomunicaciones (Inter-American Committee for Telecommunications, CITEL). Other groups include the Arab States, African States and Communauté régionale des communications (RCC).

1.3 These groups by virtue of the multiplicity of Administrations in their membership exert considerable influence within the ITU community. Common regional positions are also used to persuade other

administrations or groups at the WRC to support a particular view with the aim of achieving consensus. These regional preparatory meetings are also helpful to educate administrations on the issues under consideration. With aeronautical radiocommunications spectrum issues being of international or regional effect, good aviation representation at these regional meetings gives weight to the common concerns of the aviation industry.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Australia participated in the recent cycle of APT regional preparatory meetings. For the WRC-03 preparation there were five APT Preparatory Group (APG2003) meetings:

- C APG2003-1 in Bangkok, Thailand, from 4 - 7 September 2000;
- C APG2003-2 in Bangkok, Thailand, from 4 - 7 June 2001;
- C APG2003-3 in Bangkok, Thailand, from 10 - 15 June 2002;
- C APG2003-4 in Busan, South Korea, from 26 - 31 August 2002;
- C APG2003-5 in Tokyo, Japan, from 19 - 25 February 2003.

2.2 The first two APG meetings organized the work and formulated preliminary positions. The later three meetings were held to prepare for the ITU-R Special Committee on regulatory/procedural matters (SCRPM), the ITU-R Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) and WRC-03 itself.

2.3 Twenty-five Asia-Pacific countries and a number of international and regional organizations attended the final APG2003-5 meeting. Representatives of CITEL and CEPT attended and provided information on their proposals to WRC-03.

2.4 WRC-03 was the third WRC to receive common proposals from the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) countries. The outcome of the APG2003-5 meeting was a set of preliminary APT Common Proposals for WRC-03.

2.5 The APT contributed 290 proposals, of which Australia supported 259 and about 90 per cent were substantially adopted. On the other hand Australia contributed 15 proposals, of which four were adopted; another five were partially adopted and six were rejected — a success rate of only 60 per cent. The APT regional process was therefore seen as a successful forum to promote and get adoption of Australia's views leading up to WRC-03.

2.6 At APG2003-5, aviation was represented in the delegations of Australia, Japan and Hong Kong China, and international organizations Boeing, IATA, ICAO, IFALPA and APEC/FAA. The APT meetings continue to receive a poor representation from the aviation community particularly through country delegations. Although there is better representation at WRCs, noting that regional proposals have significantly more influence than country proposals, increased effort should be put into supporting the regional meetings. Aviation positions are more effectively put at regional levels rather than as country positions at the WRC level.

2.7 The Asia and Pacific Office (APAC) of ICAO convenes regional preparatory meetings for the WRC and attends the APG meetings to provide ICAO support to the other aviation delegates. These meetings are vital to provide preparation for States attending the APT meetings.

3. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

3.1 That the meeting notes that:

- a) generally regional positions/proposals have far significant influence than individual country positions/proposals at WRCs;
- b) participation by States at ITU regional meetings (organized by APT, CEPT and CITELEtc) is important in the education of telecommunication regulators and in ensuring that international civil aviation radiocommunications spectrum views are taken into account in development of regional positions leading up to WRCs;

3.2 That because of this, the meeting urges Contracting States to:

- a) participate in the development of States position for WRCs at the national level to ensure support to the ICAO position; and
- b) ensure, to the maximum extent possible that, aviation representatives are included in States delegations to ITU Regional Preparatory Meetings for WRCs (APT, CEPT, CITELEtc Conference Preparatory Group) and at WRCs.

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