



International Civil Aviation Organization

**Fourth Meeting of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Planning Group
(APSAPG/4)**

Hong Kong, China, 3 – 7 June 2013

Agenda Item 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

DISSOLUTION OF THE APSAPG

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents information on the future status of the APSAPG.

This paper relates to –

Strategic Objectives:

A: *Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety*

C: *Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport – Foster harmonized and economically viable development of international civil aviation that does not unduly harm the environment*

Global Plan Initiatives:

Nil

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The 46th Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation, Asia/Pacific Region (DGCA/46, Osaka, and October 2009) first addressed the ‘Seamless Sky’ and how this may affect the Asia/Pacific (APAC) Regions. DGCA/46 issued the Kansai Statement, which requested, *inter alia*, the APANPIRG to be ‘a starting platform for the discussion on ‘Seamless ATM’.

1.2 APANPIRG/21 (Bangkok, Thailand, 6 – 10 September 2010) then developed ICAO Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Workshop and Conclusion 21/12, which established the Seamless ATM Ad Hoc Meeting.

1.3 APANPIRG/22 (5-9 September 2011) reviewed the Report of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Seamless Air Traffic Management Symposium and Ad Hoc Meeting (Bangkok, 15 to 17 August 2011). The meeting reviewed the suggestions made by States and adopted the following Decision:

Decision 22/56- Establishment of Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Planning Group

That an Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Planning Group (APSAPG) composed of high level officials/representatives nominated by the States in the Asia/ Pacific Region and International Organizations be established, reporting to APANPIRG, in accordance with the Terms of Reference as shown in Appendix D to the Report on Agenda Item 5.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The APSAPG was required by its Terms of Reference (TOR) to produce deliverables within a limited timeframe as follows:

The APSAPG shall submit a preliminary/interim study to APANPIRG/23 in 2012 and a final study to APANPIRG/24 in 2013.

2.2 The final study is expected to be discussed at APSAPG/4, and if agreed, a Draft Seamless ATM Plan will be submitted to APANPIRG/24 as requested. Should that be the case, and conditional on the Plan being approved by APANPIRG, APSAPG’s primary task would be complete. In that case, the following Draft Decision is proposed for consideration of the meeting, and

Draft Decision APSAPG/X: Dissolution of APSAPG

That, considering the submission of the Draft Seamless ATM Plan to APANPIRG, and on condition that the Seamless ATM Plan is approved, the Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Planning Group (APSAPG) be dissolved, and any on-going tasks be delegated to the ATM Sub-Group (ATM/SG), or as directed by APANPIRG.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) agree to the Draft Decision; and
- c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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