



International Civil Aviation Organization

The First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Afghanistan Contingency Group Meeting (AHACG/1)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 11-12 September 2014

Agenda Item 5: Date and venue for next meeting

MEETINGS AND MILESTONES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents information on meetings and possible milestones that need to be considered for planning of any ATM contingency arrangements.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In accordance with *Decision ATM/SG/2-4: Ad Hoc Afghanistan Contingency Group*, it should be noted that there was no set meeting or action schedule for the ADACG, and nor was a set Terms of Reference developed because the situation was fluid and responses needed to be flexible. However, the Decision did refer to the objective of the ADACG as being to *...urgently discuss contingency planning to address any contingency aspects for the continued safe and efficient operation of aircraft...*

1.2 The First meeting of the Ad Hoc Afghanistan Contingency Group (ADACG/1, 11-12 September 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) would provide an early opportunity to discuss capability building measures, contingency arrangements, implementation processes, and post-implementation monitoring strategies. It was expected that the ICAO Middle East Office (MID) and Asia/Pacific Office (APAC) would attend this meeting.

2. DISCUSSION

Meetings

2.1 Post ADACG/1, there were a number of future opportunities to develop capability building measures, contingency arrangements, pre-implementation co-ordination and communication processes, implementation agreements, and post-implementation communication and monitoring procedures:

- 22-23 September 2014 – Eurasia Special Coordination Meeting (SCM, Beijing, China) with ICAO APAC, ICAO European/North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Offices and EURONTROL expected to attend;
- 24-25 September 2014, , SCM on the Implementation of ATM Contingency Arrangements [in the MID Region], Cairo, Egypt;
- 21-24 October 2014, CANSO Operations Standing Committee Full Workshop Meeting, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; and

- 29-31 October 2014, Fourth Meeting of the Trans-Regional Airspace and Supporting ATM Systems Steering Group (TRASAS/4, Bangkok, Thailand), at which the ICAO MID, EUR/NAT and EUR/NAT Offices should all be present.

2.2 While the ADACG/1 meeting should provide a forum for strategy development, and the Eurasia SCM and TRASAS meetings will be opportunities when the ICAO Regional Offices can develop the necessary technical and administrative planning, there needs to be some form of comprehensive follow-up planning to actually implement any contingency operation. Thus a second meeting of the AHACG (ADACG/2) is proposed, but in addition to the Islamic Republic of Iran, Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan, other States that would need to develop comprehensive implementation plans should be invited such as Bulgaria, Turkey, Armenia, and Azerbaijan. AHACG/2 is being considered during the period 17-19 November 2014, and supported by NATO at Istanbul, Turkey.

Pre and Post-Implementation Monitoring Actions

2.3 The meeting should note that consideration should be given to some form of pre and post-implementation monitoring, to ensure the agreed actions have been taken and that any adjustments have been made to the plan. Thus a pre and post-implementation monitoring schedule should be considered.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) consider the meeting schedule and the proposed AHACG/2 meeting; and
- c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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