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**Agenda Item 4: Asia/Pacific and inter-regional SAR planning, coordination and cooperation**

**SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES SEMINAR FOR CIVIL AIRCRAFT**

(Presented by Japan)

**SUMMARY**

This paper is intended to inform you that the seminar is effective, in order to deeply understand the Search and Rescue services by the civil aircraft operator. Thus effort will improve the situation such as the lack of registration of ELTs, no arrival reports, etc.

**Strategic Objectives:**

A: *Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety*

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 In our State, for the purpose to contribute to the safety operation of civil aircraft, we have held an annual seminar of civil aircraft. In this seminar, we explain the trend of aviation accidents, how to use of the weather information, and the effective information to search and rescue services. We have been promoting the registration of ELTs, reliable arrival reports, and position reports from civil aircraft aggressively.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 Regarding the registration of ELTs, we explained a scheme to register the user's information within an ELT database in Tokyo RCC office (for example, registration form, required contents, the necessity to change and de-registration, and the registration process mentioned in AIP). Currently, most Japanese civil aircraft have been registered to the ELT database in the Tokyo RCC office.

2.2 Regarding reliable arrival reports, we expressed the view of search and rescue services regarding mistakes in the total estimated elapsed time for the flight plan, or there is no arrival report. As compared with 10 years ago previous beginning the seminar, the number of search and rescue services resulting from mistakes in the total estimated elapsed time for the flight plan and no arrival report have decreased.

2.3 Regarding the position reports from civil aircraft aggressive, we advised that if an aircraft operator reports the current position as the situation in a timely manner, the range of search and rescue would be smaller and search and rescue activities could respond quickly and effectively. In future, we expect to increase position reports from civil aircraft.

2.4 We have noted that seminars for civil aircraft concerning search and rescue services have been very effective. In the future, we will hold an annual seminar for civil aircraft continuously to ensure aircraft operators are knowledgeable about search and rescue services.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this paper.

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