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SUB-GROUP (MET SG/18) OF APANPIRG**

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**Agenda Item 9: Inter-regional and intra-regional coordination**

**PROPOSAL FOR APAC MET/ATM SEMINAR**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents a proposal for the next meteorology / air traffic management (MET/ATM) seminar in the APAC region.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Meteorology / air traffic management (MET/ATM) seminars provide States and organizations with an appropriate forum to exchange information, ideas and innovations in support of current and future region-specific requirements for MET in support of ATM.

1.2 The last MET/ATM seminar in the APAC region was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 26 to 28 November 2013. All available documentation pertaining to the 2013 MET/ATM seminar is available at the following web address: [http://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2013-MET-ATM\\_MET-R-RF3.aspx](http://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2013-MET-ATM_MET-R-RF3.aspx).

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 In reviewing the outcomes of the 2013 MET/ATM seminar, the Third Meeting of the Meteorological Requirements Task Force (MET/R TF/3), held back to back with the seminar from 28 to 29 November 2013, noted the strong support for this type of interaction from both the MET and ATM communities and considered that the frequency and objectives of future MET/ATM Seminars would depend on the regional level of demand and requirement for updated information.

2.2 MET/R TF/3 considered that practical examples of how MET was used successfully by ATM in collaborative decision making (CDM) were useful in such forums, as was the provision of guidance and information supporting a shared understanding of technical and practical aspects of the MET information exchange formats that were under development.

2.3 In view of the discussion above, MET/R TF/3 adopted the following Decision:

**Decision 3/8 - Future MET/ATM Seminar**

*That, a steering committee consisting of Japan and the Secretariat develops a proposal for the next MET/ATM Seminar, including recommended timing and a draft programme, and reports to MET SG/18.*

2.4 Noting that more than 2 years had elapsed between the last two MET/ATM seminars in the APAC region, the group may consider that the next seminar would be appropriate in 2015 enabling States and organizations to develop new initiatives to share information on current and future developments in MET to support ATM operations.

2.5 Given that a MET/ATM seminar had been successfully held in the past outside the Regional Office in a State to provide exposure to operational MET/ATM facilities, the group may wish to consider the benefit of conducting the next seminar in a location with developed or developing MET/ATM collaboration.

2.6 Bearing in mind the main objective of the MET/R TF, the group may decide to focus the next MET/ATM seminar on a theme encompassing improved safety, efficiency and sustainability of ATM and operators by providing MET information needed to meet current and future requirements.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information in this paper; and
- b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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