



International Civil Aviation Organization

**The Third Meeting of the Ad Hoc Afghanistan Contingency Group Meeting
(AHACG/3)**

Muscat, Oman, 11 – 14 May 2015

Agenda Item 5: Next Steps

ACTIONS AND TASKS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents information from the AHACG/1 meeting on actions to be completed, to allow a review of progress and a determination of tasks that need to be undertaken as a result of the AHACG/3 meeting.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The AHACG/1 Task List took the form of an easy-to-read Appendix of Milestones and Tasks as part of the Meeting Report. **Appendix A** (*Milestones and Tasks*) to this paper provides a copy of the updated version from the AHACG/2 meeting, revised by the Secretariat based on information known to the Regional Office.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 It was noted at the AHACG/2 meeting that the tasks included an important expectation that *'All involved States to submit contingency schemes and safety, capacity and security assessments to ICAO by 10 October 2014, and this had not been completed. Therefore the process of developing an overall contingency scheme to accommodate any regional problems from Afghanistan's airspace was well behind the expected schedule, and greater effort was needed by all stakeholders.*

2.2 The AHACG/2 meeting agreed that Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India to present their final contingency plans for disruption in the Kabul FIR, with associated safety and security cases by 01 February 2015. This did not occur.

2.3 The High Level Meeting on Afghanistan Airspace Contingency Planning (HLAACP, Hong Kong, China, 28 November 2014) had agreed on the following milestones which need to be considered by the AHACG/3 meeting:

- *17 December 2014 – start of the 'bridging contract (extension of the current Air Navigation Service Provider);*
- *01 January 2015 – Afghanistan CAA budget approval (USD 25 million, note: the Airspace Control Authority may not pass to the Afghanistan government at this time);*
- *28 February 2015 – Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) contract (renewal or new provider – IATA agreed to discuss the situation with VSAT vendors and Afghanistan, and report back to ICAO);*

- *01 April 2015 – Deadline date for the new Air Navigation Service (ANS) contract to be signed;*
- *30 June 2015 – earliest end date for the ANS extension (dependent on service cost).*

2.4 All tasks needed to be completed or able to be monitored by the Regional Offices at the completion of SHACG/3, as this was the last expected meeting.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) update the Milestones and Tasks List; and
- c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

Appendix A: Milestones and Tasks

States	ICAO	IATA/IFATCA/ EURCONTROL	NATO/ISAF	Weekly Timeline
	Conduct of AHACG/1, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 11-12 SEP completed			08 SEP 2014
AIRAC promulgation cut-off: 18 SEP , effective 13 NOV past	Engagement with Pakistan at high level: 22 SEP completed (Pakistan registered for AHACG/2)		AIRAC promulgation cut-off: 18 SEP , effective 13 NOV past	15 SEP 2014
Iran to advise ICAO of OTS feasibility and India to assess delegated ANS option: 22 SEP AHACG/2/WP05 CLOSED	Conduct of Eurasia SCM, Beijing, China: 22-23 SEP and MID SCM: 24-25 SEP completed (AHACG/2/WP02)			22 SEP 2014
Thailand to advise BOBCAT feasibility H24 two way (Iranian or Afghan airspace) by 01 OCT FLIMSY CLOSED	State Letter to seek donors and advisory of high-level contact meeting by: 01 OCT High Level Meeting State Letter sent by HQ September 2014 CLOSED	EUROCONTROL NM to consider, with Thailand and ICAO, creation of a contingency website page by: 01 OCT IP02 CLOSED	Advise ICAO of any sanctions amendment for crucial Iranian ATM facilities by: 01 OCT NATO reported this to the relevant parties and it was being considered CLOSED	29 SEP 2014
All involved States to submit contingency schemes and safety, capacity and security assessments to ICAO: 10 OCT				06 OCT 2014
AIRAC cut off: 16 OCT , effective 11 DEC			NOTAM advisory Kabul FIR uncontrolled 15 DEC NOTAM not now being issued CLOSED	13 OCT 2014

ATC training; airspace user advisories; high level briefings		EUROCONTROL to advise analysis of scheme: 24 OCT Presentation CLOSED		20 OCT 2014
Last date for Afghanistan to make contract/delegation decision: 01 NOV Contract extension will invalidate this date until 2015 CLOSED	Conduct of TRASAS/4, Bangkok: 29-31 OCT (AHACG/2/WP02) CLOSED	IATA to brief airlines of contingency status: 31 OCT CLOSED		27 OCT 2014
	Conduct of high-level contact group (DGs, ministers?): High Level Meeting State Letter sent by HQ September 2014 for meeting 28 November 2014	IFATCA to brief associations of scheme by: 07 NOV		3 NOV 2014
			SPIN/ACP change; PIFR Smart Cards	10 NOV 2014
	Conduct of AHACG/2, Istanbul, Turkey 17-19 NOV CLOSED			17 NOV 2014
	State Letter advising States of contingency and briefing or approval of the ICAO Council by: 28 NOV Conduct of High Level Meeting, 28 NOV, Hong Kong			24 NOV 2014
Afghanistan contract extension signed: 01 DEC			Contingency procedures start; Trigger NOTAM: 01 DEC	01 DEC 2014
State advisory and trigger NOTAM: 08 DEC			End of IAP ANSP contract by AFCENT: 14 DEC	08 DEC 2014

Contingency scheme activation if required: 15 DEC	Conduct of COM Coordination Meeting 16-17 DEC			15 DEC 2014
Post-implementation safety assessment and monitoring				22 DEC 2014
Medium-long term Afghan ANS decision; airspace authority transfers to ACAA: 01 JAN				29 DEC 2014
Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India to present their final contingency plans for disruption in the Kabul FIR, with associated safety and security cases				01 FEB 2015
ACAA ANS inspectors employed, new/extended VSAT contract signed				01 MAR 2015
All LoA to be completed as agreed (refer para 3.28 c)				01 APR 2015
	Conduct of the AHACG/3			01 MAY 2015



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