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HAZARDS TASK FORCE (MET/H TF/5)**

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Agenda Item 4: Contingency plans

**REVIEW PROGRESS ON INPUT OF METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION
FOR CONTINGENCY PLANS**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents an overview of progress on the input of meteorological information to support the development of air traffic management contingency plans by the Regional ATM Contingency Planning Task Force.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The main function of a regional air traffic management (ATM) contingency plan is to detail recommended regional contingency practices to events such as severe meteorological phenomena and other large-scale emergencies and issues that impact the normal operation of a regional ATM system.

1.2 Under its terms of reference, the Regional ATM Contingency Plan Task Force (RACP/TF), sitting under the ATM Sub-Group in the APANPIRG structure, is tasked with the planning, coordination and implementation of a Regional ATM Contingency Plan, with a link to the MET/H T/F.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 In order to quantify this link to the RACP/TF, the meeting will recall that the MET/H TF updated its work programme to specifically include the input of meteorological information in support of regional ATM contingency planning activities.

2.2 The MET/H TF work programme required the Secretariat to develop a list of requirements from the RACP/TF required to support the planning, coordination and implementation of a Regional ATM Contingency Plan.

2.3 As a first step, the Secretariat presented a paper to the RACP/TF/4 meeting (RACP/TF/4 IP/3 refers), held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 26 to 30 January 2015, to discuss

meteorological information input for contingency planning purposes and to highlight that a detailed set of requirements from the RACP/TF, with respect to the MET input, would assist the MET/H TF in progressing the development of the framework for APAC regional contingency plans for phenomena that include volcanic ash, tropical cyclone, radioactive cloud and tsunamis. The paper re-introduced to the RACP/TF the preliminary work on the Framework for APAC Regional Contingency Plans developed by the METWARN/I TF in 2011.

The paper also invited the RACP/TF/4 to note the establishment of the Asia/Pacific volcanic ash [ATM] exercise steering group in 2015 (in accordance with APANPIRG/25, Decision 25/47) and, in accordance with the terms of reference of the volcanic ash exercises steering group, to consider using experience from the proposed volcanic ash exercise/s conducted in 2015 [and beyond] to support the planning, development and implementation of a Regional ATM volcanic ash contingency plan.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) Note the information in this paper; and
 - b) Discuss relevant issues.
