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**NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE METEOROLOGY SUB-GROUP
(MET SG/19) OF APANPIRG**

Bangkok, Thailand, 3 – 6 August 2015

Agenda Item 3: Review outcomes from other ICAO groups

**REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE APANPIRG CONTRIBUTORY
BODIES STRUCTURE REVIEW TASK FORCE (ABSRTF/2)**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides the outcome of the Second Meeting of the APANPIRG Contributory Bodies Structure Review Task Force (ABSRTF/2) held in Bangkok, Thailand from 24 to 25 June 2015 at the ICAO Asia and Pacific Office. The Report is going to be presented to APANPIRG/26 for consideration. The meeting is invited to note the information provided in the Report of the meeting.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 APANPIRG at its 25th meeting in September 2014, had established a contributory bodies structure review Task Force to align its working arrangements with revised Global ANP. APANPIRG noted that in light of the performance based approach to air navigation planning and implementation there is a need to align the work programme of States, Regions and ICAO. The APANPIRG also noted that in this regard, within the ASBU framework, due consideration should be given to planning, implementation, and performance measurement, monitoring and reporting aspects and that a project based approach for ASBU's should be applied to APANPIRG Contributory Bodies (Sub Groups, Working Groups, Task Forces) as necessary. The meeting adopted Decision 25/50 regarding establishment of a structure review task force:

- a) The APANPIRG Contributory Bodies Structure Review Task Force (ABSRTF) with members consisting of Chairpersons/Vice Chairpersons of APANPIRG Contributory Bodies (Sub-groups, Working Groups and Task Forces) and voluntary members nominated by States be established with the Terms of Reference presented in Appendix B (Attachment B to this WP) to this section of the report; and
- b) In coordination with the ICAO Regional Office, the Task Force undertakes a review of the Terms of Reference and activities of the APANPIRG Contributory Bodies and proposes rationalization of the APANPIRG structure to meet the changing environment to APANPIRG/26.

1.2 The first meeting of ABSRTF with the APANPIRG Sub Groups Chairs through a teleconference was scheduled for 8th April 2015. The second meeting (face-to-face) of the ABSRTF (ABSRTF/2) was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 24 to 25 June 2015 at the ICAO Asia and Pacific Office.

1.3 The draft meeting report and working documents are available at the following webpage: <http://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2015-ABSRTF2.aspx>

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Among the other outcome, the meeting formulated five draft Decisions for consideration by APANPIRG/26 meeting including empowerment of the Sub Groups and proposed the revised Terms of Reference of APANPIRG Sub-groups. The draft decisions are listed as follows:

Draft Decision ABSRTF/2/1 — Empowerment of Sub Groups

That, in order to enhance the efficiency of APANPIRG approval process, the Sub Groups be empowered post –APANPIRG/26 to adopt Conclusions and Decisions on technical matters (especially those concerning guidance to States in the implementation of ICAO SARPs, GANP, RANP, Seamless ATM Plan) that do not have significant additional economic, environmental or political effects, which should be considered at a higher level at APANPIRG.

Draft Decision ABSRTF/2/2 — Reorganization of APANPIRG Structure

That, in accordance with APANPIRG Decision 25/50, and to promote a more project-management-driven approach to regional air navigation planning and implementation, which is guided by and aligned with regional priorities and the Global Air Navigation Plan/ASBU strategy:

- a) the new structure of the APANPIRG and its Sub Groups be adopted as presented in **Appendix A to this Report**; and
- b) the APANPIRG Procedural Handbook be amended in line with the new APANPIRG structure and to promote the project management principles.

Note: (1) the new structure of APANPIRG Sub Groups shall become effective from 2017 meeting year with 2016 being used for transitional arrangement; and (2) the amendment to the APANPIRG Procedural Handbook shall be submitted to APANPIRG/27 for endorsement.

Remark: In the proposed reorganization of APANPIRG Structure, AOP Working Group will be established under APANPIRG as a separate Sub-group.

Draft Decision ABSRTF/2/3 – Revised Terms of Reference of APANPIRG Sub Groups

That, the revised Terms of Reference of APANPIRG Sub Groups placed at Appendix B to the Report be adopted.

Draft Decision ABSRTF/2/4 – Review Terms of Reference of Contributory Bodies under the APANPIRG Sub Groups

That the Secretariat, in consultation with Chairs of the existing Task Forces and Working Groups under the APANPIRG Sub Groups, review the TOR as necessary, and submit to the respective Sub Groups and APANPIRG/27 for further review and adoption

Draft Decision ABSRTF/2/5 — Dissolution of ABSRTF

That, the ABSRTF having completed its task as set out in its Terms of Reference, be dissolved.

2.2 The proposed TOR of ATM SG for consideration by APANPIRG is shown below:

Terms of Reference for APANPIRG Meteorology Sub-Group (MET SG)

The Objectives of the MET/SG are to:

- 1) *ensure the continuous and coherent development of the MET parts of the Asia/Pacific Regional Air Navigation Plan (APAC ANP) in a manner that is harmonized with adjacent regions, consistent with ICAO SARPs, the Global Air Navigation Plan and the Global Aviation Safety Plan;*
- 2) *facilitate the implementation of aeronautical meteorological services identified in the APAC ANP, Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) priority modules and the Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Plan elements using the project management principles where appropriate;*
- 3) *review, identify and address deficiencies that impede the implementation or provision of efficient aeronautical meteorological services in the Asia and Pacific Regions.*

Deliverables to meet the Objectives:

- 1) *Progress report to be **submitted** to APANPIRG addressing the MET SG deliverables (listed in 2 to 9 below).*
- 2) *MET parts of the ASIA/PAC ANP to be **reviewed** and, as necessary, amendment proposals **prepared** to update the APAC ANP to reflect changes in the operational and global requirements.*
- 3) *Level of implementation of aeronautical meteorological services to be **monitored** and, as necessary, **facilitated** to support the effective implementation of ASBU priority modules and the Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Plan elements;*
- 4) *Air navigation deficiencies in the field of MET to be **identified** (which may require any necessary systems performance monitoring to be **facilitated**) and, where necessary, appropriate corrective action **proposed** and the development and implementation of action plans by States to resolve identified deficiencies **facilitated**.*
- 5) *Air navigation deficiencies in the field of MET (as listed in the APANPIRG database) to be **reviewed** and, as necessary, **updated** to reflect the current situation.*

- 6) *Research and development, trials and demonstrations in the field of MET and other relevant areas to be **monitored** and, as necessary, the transfer of this information and expertise between States **facilitated**.*
- 7) *Specific recommendations to be **made**, and guidance materials **developed**, aimed at improving aeronautical meteorological services by the use of existing and/or new procedures, facilities and technologies.*
- 8) *Inter-regional and intra-regional co-ordination issues in the field of MET to be **reviewed** and **identified** and, as necessary, actions **recommended** addressing those issues;*
- 9) *MET environmental initiatives are consistently identified and progressed*
- 10) *Draft Conclusions and Decisions to be **formulated** relating to matters in the field of MET that come within the scope of the APANPIRG work plan.*

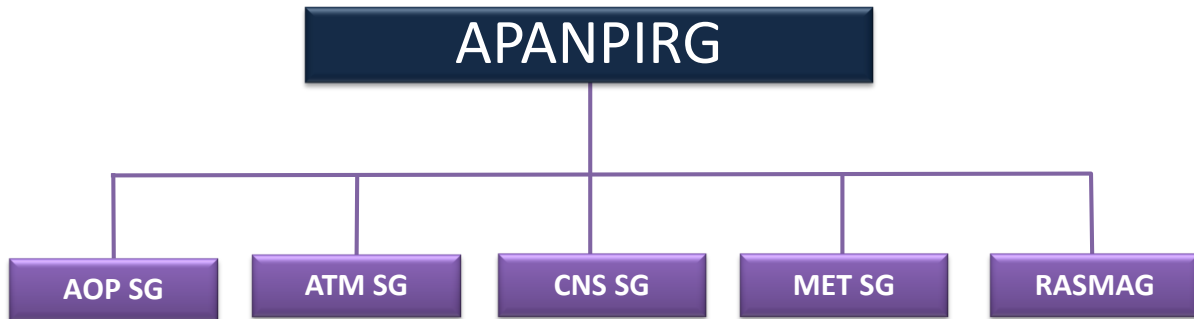
2.3 The meeting is invited to note, these outcome need to be reviewed by APANPIRG/26 meeting first. The MET SG is not expected to review and provide comments to the revised TOR and the proposed structure. However, the meeting is invited to note these changes in particular for the proposed “Empowerment of Sub Groups”; “to promote a more project management-driven approach to regional air navigation planning and implementation”; and “to develop Terms of Reference of contributory bodies under the Sub groups”.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

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

Appendix A

NEW STRUCTURE OF APANPIRG



- AOP SG: Aerodrome Operations and Planning Sub Group
- ATM SG: Air Traffic Management Sub Group
- CNS SG: Communications, Navigation and Surveillance Sub Group
- MET SG: Meteorology Sub Group
- RASMAG: Regional Airspace Safety Monitoring Advisory Group

Note: The scope of the ABSRTF is limited to APANPIRG Sub Groups

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