



International Civil Aviation Organization
The Second Meeting of South China Sea Major Traffic Flow Review Group
(SCS-MTFRG/2)
Haikou, China, 22-24 July 2015

Agenda Item 2: Review of SEACG/22 Conclusion and TOR of SCS-MTFRG

TERMS OF REFERENCE
SOUTH CHINA SEA MAJOR TRAFFIC FLOW REVIEW GROUP
(SCS MTF/RG)

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the TOR of SCS MTF/RG which revised and adopted by SEACG/22 .

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Secretariat presented a comprehensive TOR for the consideration of SCS MTFRG/1. The meeting, after discussions, decided that the scope of the group should kept to the conclusion as contained in the decision from SEACG21.
- 1.2 Whilst the outcomes of SCS MTFRG/1 were being presented to SEACG22, the meeting decided to review the TOR decided by of SCS MTFRG/1. The meeting decided that not only should the SCS MTFRG focus on resolving current problems but should also focus future planning to *optimize airspace capacity in the longer term*. In this regard, SEACG/22 suggested that the TOR needed to be more concise, to ensure implementation plans and recommendations would be provided to SEACG that dealt with the important task of meeting Seamless ATM Plan expectations.
- 1.3 SEACG/22 agreed with the following Decision:

Decision SEACG/22-1: SCS-MTFRG Terms of Reference:

That the South China Sea Major Traffic Flow Review Group (SCS-MTFRG) Terms of Reference be adopted in accordance with **Appendix C** to the Report.

2. DISCUSSION

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2.1 Objective

The objective of the SCS MTF/RG is:

- a) to analyze the MTF in the overall South China Sea airspace, air routes and the suitability of the FLOS to optimize airspace capacity and enhance flight safety in the long term; and
- b) to report outcomes of the review and recommendations to SEACG.

2.2 Tasks

To meet this objective the Review Group, with reference to the Asia/Pacific Region Seamless ATM Plan and expected traffic growth, shall:

- a) Review the existing MTF route structures in the SCS Airspace to establish priorities;
- b) Identify current and planned CNS/ATM capabilities and implementation timelines of States concerned;
- c) Identify reduced horizontal separation based on the current and planned CNS/ATM capabilities, taking into account aircraft approval status of the traffic operating on the relevant routes as well as the new CNS capabilities available;
- d) Review the existing FLAS/FLOS operating within the SCS with a view to enhancing efficiencies;
- e) Establish appropriate timelines/milestones/dependencies for activities planned under this Review Group; and
- f) Make recommendations to SEACG on implementation plans for route structures, airspace, FLOS and separation solutions to meet the expectations of the Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Plan.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper.
- b) adopt these revised TOR as provided by SEACG/22.