**Twenty Eighth Meeting of the
Informal South Pacific ATS Co-ordinating Group
(ISPACG/28)**

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Agenda Item 4: Review Open Action Items (AI 17-11)

ICAO Inter-Regional AIDC Task Force (IRAIDCTF)

Presented by Federal Aviation Administration

SUMMARY

This paper provides an update on the ICAO Inter-Regional AIDC Task Force (IRAIDCTF) and the harmonization effort for a global Air Traffic Service Inter-facility Data Communications (AIDC).

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1   As a result of the ongoing endeavor to harmonize Air Traffic Service Inter-facility Data Communications (AIDC) and consolidate the Interface Control Document (ICD) for the North Atlantic and Asia/Pacific Regions, the ICAO Inter-regional AIDC Task Force (IRAIDCTF) was formed and its first meeting was held from 16 to 18 January 2013 at the ICAO EUR/NAT Office in Paris, France.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1   IRAIDCTF/1 included participants from Australia, Canada, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States. The US representative, Mr. Keith Dutch, was chosen by the meeting to chair the Task Force.

2.2   IRAIDCTF/1 reviewed the consolidated draft Version 0.4 of the Pan Regional ICD for AIDC, the outcomes of the 12th Air Navigation Conference, the status of AIDC implementation in the APAC and NAT regions, and the outcomes of the December 2012 Cross Polar Trans East Air Traffic Management Providers Work Group (CPWG/14) meeting.

2.3   The meeting also agreed on a timetable that would allow the publication of the draft, 1st Edition of the PAN Regional ICD for AIDC by March 2014 for submission to APANPIRG and NAT SPG through their sub-groups for adoption during 2014.

2.4   The IRAIDCTF/1 were able to accept changes through approximately 50% of the document. The document version was then changed to 0.5.

2.5   WebEx meetings were conducted on 27 February and 10 April 2013. The IRAIDCTF was unable to effectively conduct the meetings, using WebEx, but subsequent exchanges, via e-mail, allowed the Meeting to accept changes to the document. The document version was then changed to 0.6 and 0.7, with respect to the two meetings.

2.6   IRAIDTF/2 was conducted from 22-26 July 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand. 19 participants from Australia, Hong Kong China, India, Iceland, New Zealand, the United States of America, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam attended the meeting.

2.7   The meeting reviewed and updated the Version 0.7 of the PAN Regional ICD for AIDC, while considering the written comments from contributors, resulting in Version 0.8 (v0.8). The meeting agreed that v0.8 and the master comments matrix would be cleaned up (delegates from India offered to assist to put v0.8 into a formatted and clean version).

2.8   Another web conference was convened 13 January 2014. The Meeting was presented with significant proposals to the document. The proposals and current draft version of Pan-Regional AIDC document are available on the ICAO Portal for "AIDC." Reviews will conclude by 27 February 2014.

2.9   The third face-to-face meeting of the IRAIDCTF will be held at ICAO in Montreal, Canada, 24-28 March 2014. The IRAIDCTF plans to make this the final face-to-face meeting with the intent to produce a final draft version for review by the Regions.

3.   ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1   The meeting is invited to note the information provided.