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Thirty seventh Meeting of the
Informal South Pacific ATS Co-ordinating Group
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Agenda Item4: WORKING/INFORMATIONAL PAPERS

Coordination of ISPACG and the APAC ANSP Committee

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SUMMARY
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The first meeting of the APAC ANSP Committee, held on 17 and 18 April 2023 at the Regional Office in Bangkok, Thailand has agreed to develop tasks on four Work Streams (WS) as follows :

- WS 1 investment : Step up investments in ANS capacity and capabilities and share requirements and best practices in the procurement of ANS systems;

- WS 2 implementation : Accelerate the development and implementation of Seamless ATM and collaborate on green initiatives to enhance ATM Sustainability;

- WS 3 contingency : Collaborate on business continuity and contingency planning;

- WS 4 oceanic WG : Formation of an Oceanic Working Group specifically focusing on the operations of the oceanic ANSPs and addressing issues of specific relevance for oceanic ANSPs.

The WS4 leads to an opportunity to leverage the experience and knowledge of the ISPACG group as a whole so as to share it with a larger number of APAC States and to foster a consistent and coherent deployment of capabilities, consistent with the planning outlined in the APAC seamless plan.

1.   INTRODUCTION

The creation of the APAC ANSP Committee (AAC) was decided during the 57th DGCA conference APAC in July 2022. Its first meeting took place in Thailand 17-18 April 2023.

France (French Polynesia) proposed the creation of a specific working group within this committee to focus on issues concerning oceanic ANSPs. The proposal outlined various

workstreams that could be pursued in that context. The AAC/1 WP is annexed to the current WP.

The proposal received a wide and broad support and was endorsed by the meeting. So far, Philippines mentioned its intent to join France to lead this WS and Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Thailand, and the USA mentioned their willingness to join this WS as active members. As a lot of States were not present, it is expected that more ANSPs would join this WS.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1   ISPACG members share a higher-than-average level of experience in implementing and using ATS services in oceanic airspace. They also share an understanding of the importance of coordinated deployment of ANS capabilities in any given portion of airspace as well as a significant experience of cooperation with users and manufacturers. French Polynesia proposes that this experience be shared within the larger APAC community, consistent with the statement made in the AAC WP that coordination with ISPACG would be ensured.

2.2   It is proposed that ISPACG considers the listed topics below and identify those of specific ISPACG relevance. For those topics, establish an evaluation of achievement within ISPACG members respective airspaces.

- Implementation of free route and/or PBN trajectories
- Implementation of CDO
- Development of ATM system interoperability
- Development of contingency plans
- Spaced based ADS-B / VHF area
- Development of digital VHF

2.3   For the management of the WS, French Polynesia recommends to create geographical clusters of ANSPS in which ANSPs will implement or put in operation the previous topics. French Polynesia proposes that a South Pacific cluster be established, corresponding the ISPACG APAC members and to act as a liaison between the South Pacific Cluster and the ANSP APAC Committee.

2.4   The initial list of topics should be seen a starting point and ISPACG members are invited to recommend any other subject for consideration to achieve the goals outlined for the various workflows.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1   The meeting is invited to consider the topics mentioned in 2.2 and identify those of relevance for ISPACG

3.2   The meeting is invited to detail, for each topic, a state of implementation so as to identify those areas where ISPACG guidance might be relevant to share within the AAC.

3.3   Propose any other area for support and promotion at AAC level as appropriate

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Attachement: AAC WP