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Declaration of Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation

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First Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation

- Held in Beijing, China from 31 January to 1 February 2018.
- Organized by ICAO and hosted by the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).
- Attended by 32 Member States of the APAC Region, 4 Member States (France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom and United States) of other Regions and representatives of 6 international organizations.



Highlights

- Main challenges in aviation safety and air navigation capacity and efficiency in the Region were highlighted.
- Main outcome of the conference was the endorsement of the ‘Declaration on Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation’.
- Unanimously agreed by all the Delegations.



Intended Benefits of the Declaration

- First high-level Regional Commitment on Safety & ANS
- Benchmark for States to assess progress
- Strong support to the Civil Aviation Authorities
- Demonstrate High level commitment to public, industry and investors
- Recognizing the importance of human resource development to meet the growth



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1. Aviation Safety

Commit to:

- (a) Progressively enhance safety oversight capability to achieve a USOAP EI score higher or equal to the global average by 2022;
- (b) Implement an effective SSP by 2025; and
- (c) Certify all aerodromes used for international operations by 2020.



2. Air Navigation Services

Commit to implementation by 2022, of the Asia/Pacific Seamless Air Traffic Management (ATM) Plan to enhance ATM capacity and harmonization in the region, including a focus on:

- (a) Transitioning from Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) to Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) System;
- (b) Performance Based Navigation (PBN) implementation;
- (c) Common ground/ground telecommunication infrastructure to support Air Navigation Services (ANS) applications;
- (d) An enhanced level of civil/military cooperation;



2. Air Navigation Services (*cont'd*)

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- (e) Enhanced surveillance capability including Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) technology; and
 - (f) Air Traffic Flow Management/Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) implementation for high density airports.
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- Include air navigation in national planning frameworks such as National Development Plans (NDPs) supported by National Air Navigation Plans.



3. Accident Investigation

In accordance with the Chicago Convention, commit to:

- establish an accident investigation authority, independent from State aviation authorities and other entities that could interfere with the conduct or objectivity of an investigation or
- where appropriate develop a bilateral, sub-regional or regional partnership to support the establishment of accident investigation capabilities to serve the Region or Sub-region or State.



4. Human Resource Development

Commit to:

- Establish access to quality training; and
- Encourage sharing of resources bilaterally and/or multilaterally as well as with industry partners.



Monitoring and Annual Reporting of the Commitments:

Secretariat to make efforts to monitor and report.

- Request RASG-APAC and APANPRIG to establish relevant goals and targets to monitor progress.
- RASG-APAC and APRAST on Aviation Safety, Accident Investigation, and Human Resources Development; and
- APANPIRG and its contributory bodies on Air Navigation Services and Human Resources Development.



Follow-up action

Secretariat will:

- Review Beijing Declaration objectives in 2020 to reflect, as required:
 - any resolutions agreed to by 2019 ICAO Assembly, including
 - endorsements of the new versions of the GASP and GANP.
- Accordingly, initiate organization of the Second Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation in 2020 or thereafter.



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