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**MIDANPIRG STEERING GROUP**

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**Agenda Item 3: Global and Regional Developments**

**FIRST EDITION OF THE PROCEDURES FOR AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES —  
AERODROMES (PANS-AERODROME, DOC 9981)**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper provides information on the First Edition of the Procedures for the Air Navigation Services – Aerodromes (PANS Aerodromes – Doc 9981) which was approved by the President of the Council on 20 October 2014 and becomes applicable on 10 November 2016.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**REFERENCES**

- ICAO Doc 9981

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The Air Navigation Commission, acting under delegated authority, approved the first edition of the Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Aerodromes (PANS-Aerodromes, Doc 9981). The document was approved on 20 October 2014 by the President of the Council on behalf of the Council in accordance with established procedure. A copy of Doc 9981 is available as an attachment to the electronic version of this State letter AN 4/25-15/33 dated 8 May 2015 on the ICAO-NET (<http://portal.icao.int>).

1.2 The first edition of Doc 9981 will become applicable on 10 November 2016.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The first edition of PANS-Aerodromes addresses priority areas revealed by the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) in the areas of aerodrome certification, conduct of safety assessments and compatibility studies. The provisions therein specify, in greater detail than the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) in Annex 14 – Aerodromes, Volume I – Aerodromes Design and Operations, operational procedures to be applied by both aerodrome regulators and operators in those priority areas to ensure aerodrome operational safety and to improve overall system capacity and efficiency in a globally harmonized manner.

2.2 The main features of the proposed Annex 14 amendments are the following:

- a) introductory information on PANS-Aerodromes and references to it in Annex 14, Volume I;

- b) procedures on the stages for certifying an aerodrome, contents of an aerodrome manual, critical conditions of aerodrome certificate, management of change;
- c) the establishment of a new section concerning aerodrome operations for the use of aerodromes undertaking an assessment of its compatibility for the type of traffic or operation the aerodrome is intending to operate; and

2.3 The main chapters of PANS-Aerodromes are the following:

- a) Chapter 1. Definitions;
- b) Chapter 2. Certification of Aerodromes;
- c) Chapter 3. Safety assessments for aerodromes;
- d) Chapter 4. Aerodrome compatibility; and
- e) Chapter 5. Aerodrome operational management.

2.4 States are urged to implement the provisions of the PANS– Aerodromes and to publish up to date lists of significant differences from this document in their AIP by 10 November 2016. For this, the conduct of regional seminars/workshops will help to raise awareness on the new SARPs.

2.5 Based on the above, the meeting may wish to agree on the following Draft Conclusion:

***DRAFT MSG CONCLUSION 5/XX: REGIONAL SEMINAR/WORKSHOP ON PANS–AERODROMES***

*That, ICAO be invited to organize a Seminar/Workshop on the implementation of PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981).*

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) urge States and service providers to implement the provisions of the PANS – Aerodromes and to publish up to date lists of significant differences from PANS documents in their AIP as of 10 November 2016; and
- b) agree on the above Draft Conclusion.