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**PANELS/STUDY GROUPS/TASK FORCE**

# THE VOLUNTARY WORK FORCE

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- Increase efficiency/cost effectiveness of existing data link implementations
- Develop Standards for new communications media in different environments in support of the future communication requirements, as identified by the NextGen/SESAR programmes; i.e. airport surface, en-route, oceanic
- Develop, maintain and defend aeronautical frequency spectrum allocations in preparation for and during ITU World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRCs)

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- Certification and standardization of aircraft software systems
- Update Airworthiness Manual (Doc 9760) to support Annexes 6 & 8
- Develop guidance material to define failure probability descriptors
- Study proposal to require Notification by State of Design to Contracting States of the transfer of type Certificate
- Review including single engine aeroplane over 5700kg in Annex 8, Section III
- Review adding requirements for cargo compartment fire suppression systems for all aeroplanes over 5700kg
- Review changes in terminology of the stall warning requirements

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- Develop new flight planning in line with the Global ATM Operational Concept including 4D Trajectory Management (4D-TRAD) and the NextGen /SESAR developments for 2025 and beyond
- Management of the information necessary to provide the optimum ATM service (SDM)
- Optimization of operations through the use of CDM
- Develop performance-based SARPs in support of the new flight planning system in line with the Global ATM Operational Concept

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- Study the feasibility of airborne image recordings of the general cockpit area
- Update provisions on flight recorders due to technical developments
- Development of provisions on lightweight recording systems
- Look into means to improve the likelihood of recovering flight data following an accident

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- SBAS-based CAT I operations
- GBAS-based CAT II/III operations
- Define ILS critical & sensitive areas (CS) for large aircraft
- Improve GNSS availability & performance through introduction of dual frequency systems and multiple constellations
- Reduce conventional NAVAID infrastructure

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- Flight procedures requirements to address PBN fixed wing operations (RF turns, RNP AR etc)
- Flight procedure requirements for SBAS and GBAS
- Flight procedure requirements for helicopter PBN
- Continuous descent approach operations and Continuous climb operations
- Requirements for safety assessment of flight procedures including new collision risk model
- Quality Assurance guidance on the flight procedure development process
- Charting and database requirements for instrument flight procedures
- Development of guidance on Flight validation

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- Increasingly harmonized data link procedures allowing for seamless operations
- New set of data link messages for ADS-C, DLIC, CPDLC & DFIS that support ATS. Includes D-OTIS, Departure clearance, D-TAXI, Conformance Management/Flight Plan Intent (FLIPINT) and 4D Trajectory Management (4D-TRAD)
- Utilization of SATCOM Voice for routine ATS communications (OCA)

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- Provide guidance for the operational use of electronic flight bags (EFBs)
- Relaxation of approach restrictions currently in force for commencement of a final approach in instrument meteorological conditions (commonly known as "Approach Ban")
- Guidance on all-weather operations
- Modernize fuel planning and alternate selection provisions in Annex 6
- Develop guidance and industry best practices to Helicopter Emergency Medical Services HEMS
- Identify safety hazards which may be related to modification of flight operations to accommodate environmental issues and develop strategies to mitigate associated safety risks
- Identify operational areas in which improved pilot training is indicated

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- Harmonized use & exchange of RVSM monitoring data among RMAs
- 2.5 NM in-trail separation on final up to 20 miles from runway end
- MLAT & ADS-B for 3NM separation minima in use
- More stringent speed controls in oceanic airspace
- Enhanced terminal separation minima for PBN aircraft.
- GNSS (DME 10) separation in oceanic airspace
- Micro offsets (100 meter increments) as a next step of SLOP
- In-trail climb using ADS-B & CPDLC
- Surveillance capability extended to wide area multilateration systems
- Monitoring 5 minute longitudinal separation minima trials

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- Technical Standards for radar, ADS-B, multilateration and ACAS
- Increased capacity of 1030 MHz extended squitter to accommodate growth in traffic and new applications
- New cost-effective means of surveillance (e.g. multi-static primary radar)
- New type/concept of ACAS
- Detect and avoid for UAS operations

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- Reduction of runway excursion through harmonized provisions for assessing and reporting of runway surface conditions, including friction measurement.
- Mitigation of effects of runway excursions through strengthening provisions for RESA and developing guidance on associated mitigating measures.
- Comprehensive review of Annex 14, Vol. I, Chapter 3 on aerodrome physical characteristics including Code F specifications
- Strengthen certification of aerodromes provisions
- Update provisions on aerodrome emergency planning and rescue and firefighting
- Develop provisions visual aids use for the reduction of runway incursions and for A-SMGCS.
- Develop provisions for the effective use of LED technology in visual aids for navigation
- Develop provisions for heliports to increase operational safety
- Update provisions for markings & lighting of obstacles outside obstacle limitation surfaces
- Update guidance material on aerodrome electrical systems

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## New tasks identified by AP:

- Development of provisions for taxiway naming conventions
- Development of provisions to address runway incursions from an aerodrome design perspective
- Effective use of runway pavements through revision of tire pressure limits
- Technological solutions to runway incursions

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- Develop amendments to the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air and its related documents so as to ensure that the documents remain up-to-date.
- Address emerging and on-going safety concerns, e.g. batteries (including lithium batteries), gas mixtures, exemptions and approvals.

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- Review and update existing guidance material in the field of accident and incident investigation
- Develop new definitions and review new guidance material associated with accident and incident investigations as recommended by AIG/08

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- Maintain the currency of aircraft type designators published in Doc 8643
- Maintain a database of aircraft type designators
- Review the criteria on allocations of designators for variants of an aircraft type, based on configuration, performance or design differences

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- Transition to AIM to support global ATM (including NextGen/SESAR) by increasing the cost effectiveness, timeliness and quality of aeronautical information/data, including MET

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- Improved flight safety and reduction of public health risks through changes to relevant SARPs and provision of guidance material

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- PBN for helicopters
- New PBN approaches with radius-to-fix turns
- Advanced RNP (SID & STAR & APCH)
- New concept for approach classification
- Improved enroute operations in non-oceanic airspace (RNP 2)
- Improved RNP APCH navigation specification

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- UAS OPS in non-segregated airspace and at aerodromes

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- New provisions for wake turbulence separation minima and aircraft categories
- Guidance material to support PANS-ATM provisions
- Assessment of future work in wake turbulence related matters

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- Air traffic situational awareness (ATSA)-in-trail procedure (ATSA-ITP) in oceanic airspace (e.g. enhanced crossing and passing operations);
- Identification of the reference aircraft in radiotelephony (e.g. ICAO three letter designator versus call sign);
- Air traffic situational awareness (ATSA) in cruise/approach and on the aerodrome surface (e.g. enhanced traffic situational awareness during flight operations and enhanced traffic situational awareness on the airport surface (ATSA-SURF)); and
- Merging and sequencing (M&S) in terminal control area (TMA) taking into account continuous descent operations (CDO) requirements (e.g. enhanced visual acquisition for see and avoid and enhanced successive visual approaches).

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- Produce a set of proposals for provisions and associated guidance materials that will govern Extended Diversion Time Operations (EDTO) for all aeroplanes engaged in international commercial air transport

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- **Develop provisions for States to oversee, and operators to implement, Fatigue Risk Management Systems (FRMS) with regards to flight and cabin crew.**

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- Accelerate implementation of PBN through:
  - Promotion
  - Education (workshops, courses, guidance)
  - Assistance in direct implementation

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- Develop a global safety risk management framework that will make it possible to determine the safe levels of operation in airspace contaminated by volcanic ash

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- Develop provisions to harmonize competencies of aviation professionals such as flight crew and air traffic management professionals
- Develop and implement a communication strategy to reach out to the next generation
- Develop proposals for the accreditation of university programmes related to aviation



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