

INTRODUCTION

Meeting

1.1 The Fourth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Regional Search and Rescue Task Force (APSAR/TF/4) was held from 06 to 10 July 2015 at Bangkok, Thailand.

1.2 Prior to the APSAR/TF/4 meeting an International SAR Exercise (SAREX) Planning Workshop was conducted with moderation by ICAO HQ (Agenda Item 7 provides additional details).

Attendance

2.1 The meeting was attended by 44 participants from Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Hong Kong China, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, U.S.A., Viet Nam, Cospas-Sarsat, IATA, IFALPA, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and ICAO. A list of participants is at **Appendix A** to this report.

Officers & Secretariat

3.1 Mr. Scott Constable, Principal Advisor, Aeronautical SAR Policy, Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Australia (JRCC), Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) chaired the meeting.

3.2 Mr. Len Wicks, Regional Officer ATM, ICAO Asia and Pacific Office, was the Secretary for the meeting. Mr. Mike Barton, Aeronautical SAR Technical Expert, Airspace Management and Optimization Section (AMO) ICAO HQ assisted with Secretariat duties during the meeting.

Opening of the Meeting

4.1 On behalf of Mr. Arun Mishra, Regional Director of the ICAO Asia and Pacific Office, Mr. Len Wicks welcomed everyone to the APSAR/TF/4 meeting. The Chair, Mr. Scott Constable, opened the meeting and noted the welcome attendance of a great blend of SAR expertise in attendance amongst the delegates from the aeronautical and maritime, and civil and military SAR areas which greatly assists the meeting in its efforts to harmonise efforts from those areas.

4.2 The APSAR/TF/4 was honoured to receive a keynote address from the President of the Air Navigation Commission, Mr. Farid Zizi, who led a delegation of Commissioners and was accompanied by the Director of the Air Navigation Bureau, Mr. Stephen Creamer. It was noted that the ICAO Air Navigation Commission was taking a keen interest in the work of the APSAR/TF and would be reviewing the meeting's final report and regional SAR plan for potential use in other ICAO regions.

4.3 Japan kindly provided a demonstration of their Internet-based SAR coordination system, which was initially developed to share information between Japanese organizations.

Documentation and Working Language

5.1 The working language of the meeting and all documentation was English. A total of 14 Working Papers (WP) and six Information Papers (IP) were considered by the meeting. A list of papers is included at **Appendix B** to this report.

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Appendix A to the Report

List of Participants

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