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**CERTIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL AERODROMES IN
NEPAL**

(Presented by Nepal)

INFORMATION PAPER

SUMMARY

This Information Paper presents the certification status of international aerodromes open to public use in Nepal. Nepal has certified all three international aerodromes according to the mandatory requirement of ICAO Annex-14 Vol-I: Aerodrome Design and Operations as well as National Regulations.

CERTIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL AERODROMES IN NEPAL

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The mandatory provision of ICAO Annex-14 Vol-I: Aerodrome Design and Operations para 1.4.1 states "States shall certify aerodromes used for international operations in accordance with the specifications contained in this Annex as well as other relevant ICAO specifications through an appropriate regulatory framework".

1.2 In the Ministerial Conference of the Asia Pacific States on Civil Aviation (Beijing, China, from 31 January to 01 February, 2018), Ministers of Asia Pacific States committed to certify all aerodromes used for international operations by 2020 through the Beijing Declaration.

1.3 During various meetings of the Aerodrome Operation and Planning Sub Group (AOP/SG) of ICAO Asia Pacific (APAC), States decided on the Implementation of Requirements for the certification of international aerodromes in the APAC Region. If an International Aerodrome operates without certification, it is listed in the Air Navigation Deficiencies (AN DEFs) in AOP field. In addition, the action items 55/42 of the 55th DGCA Conference and 57/57 of the 57th DGCA Conference urged States and their Aerodrome Operators to take effective action to certify aerodromes used for international operations.

1.4 The ICAO DOC 9981: PANS Aerodrome provides the guidelines regarding the critical timelines (indicative timelines of 18 months) required for the initial certification process to complete the assessment of the contents of an Aerodrome Manual, including procedures for its submission and approval/acceptance, verification of compliance and granting of an Aerodrome Certificate.

1.5 Nepal has three international airports in operation open to public use namely Tribhuvan International Airport, Gautam Buddha International Airport and Pokhara International Airport. All three international airports are certified by Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal in accordance with the ICAO mandatory requirement as well as the national regulation on certification of aerodrome. The Gautam Buddha and Pokhara international airports are newly constructed airports and came into operation in the year 2022 and 2023 respectively and both airports were certified before open to public use. The certified status of the airport is also published in the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP).

2. DISCUSSION

Status on Certification of Aerodromes in Asia Pacific States:

2.1 There are 39 States, 2 Special Administration Regions (SARs) and 8 overseas territories of 3 States in Asia and Pacific Regions.

2.2 Based on information gathered from Doc 7910 (Location Indicator), States Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP), CAA Websites, correspondences with States and ICAO Missions, the Asia/Pacific Region has reached **355** aerodromes used for international operations as of 21 June 2023 (351 in June 2022) and **325** aerodromes have been certified (322 in June 2022) corresponding to **91.55%** progress.

3. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

3.1 The Conference is invited to note the information contained in this Paper.