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**AGENDA ITEM 3: AVIATION SAFETY
TRANSPOSITION OF ICAO SARPS INTO NATIONAL
AERODROME STANDARD**

(Presented by Airport Council International)

SUMMARY

Transposition of ICAO SARPs into National Standard without a contextual assessment often time affect operational efficiency, hinder the certification of an aerodrome and expose the aerodrome to high level of risk for operating in a non-compliance environment. This paper shares the efforts undertaken by ACI, ICAO APAC, Australia, Malaysia and Thailand in producing the guidance material on transposition of Annex 14 SARPs into National Aerodrome Standard, and to seek acknowledgement of this effort most importantly to be applied at global level to other relevant SARPs all ICAO SARPs.

TRANSPOSITION OF ICAO SARPS INTO NATIONAL AERODROME STANDARDS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Transposition of standards and recommended practices (SARPs) requires proper consideration of airport capacity, existing systems in place, location and reasonable timeframe for implementation to avoid operational inefficiency and to promote the certification of an aerodromes. A deliberate and inclusive approach prioritizing an evidence-based evaluation and stakeholder engagement is recommended.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 In 2023, ACI presented a paper to the Seventh Meeting of the Aerodrome Operations and Planning Sub-group (AOP/SG/7) highlighting the trend in some countries to transpose the standards and recommended practices of Annex 14 as National Standard without a preliminary technical or risk assessment as National Standard may place unnecessary restrictions on operations and may hinder the certification of an aerodrome.

2.2 In 2024, following the decision of AOP/SG/7-11; ACI presented a paper to AP-ADO/TF/5 meeting urging for larger enactment of ICAO Annex 14 SARPs into National Standards and to assess the status of such implementation at national level. A working group was established with the objective of producing guidance material and organizing a workshop for Transposition of Annex 14 SARPS Vol.1 into National Aerodrome Standard.

2.3 Accordingly, on 17 to 18 February 2025 a workshop on Transposition of Annex 14 SARPs into National Aerodrome Standard was conducted, followed by the completion of Guidance Material on Transposition of Annex 14 Vol. I SARPs to AP-ADO/TF/6 meeting.

2.4 The workshop emphasized the strategic importance of engaging stakeholders, recognizing the broader implications of transposition, and identifying pragmatic solutions that maintain safety as a top priority.

2.5 ACI recommends States to share these Guidance Materials at global level in the occasion of the 42nd ICAO Assembly in Montreal in September 2025.

3. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

3.1 The Conference is invited to:

- a) Recognize the collaborative effort between ICAO APAC, States and ACI in promoting the transposition of ICAO Annex 14 Vol. I into National Standards, after evaluation of safety benefits;
- b) Encourage States to apply the establishment of the Guidance Material for transposition of ICAO Annex 14 into National Aerodrome Standards and;
- c) **Recommends States to share such Guidance Material in the occasion of the 42nd ICAO Assembly**

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Executive Summary for consideration for inclusion in the Conference Report

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Transposition of ICAO SARPs into National Aerodrome Standard without an adequate assessment of airport capacity, existing systems in place, location and reasonable time for implementation, risk to affect operational efficiency, hindering the certification of an aerodrome. This paper showcases the fruitful cooperation of States and the aviation industry in developing guidance material on Transposition of Annex 14 Vol. I to foster alignment, identification of practical solutions without compromising safety.

Note: Authors of DPs are strongly encouraged to prepare Executive Summary, which will facilitate adequate coverage of the main issues and proposals raised in the paper in the Conference Report.