

0.1 EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF EANP57, NOVEMBER 24TH 2015

WP29 - 1st Inter-regional English Language Proficiency Workshop Outcomes

0.1.1 The EANPG was apprised of the outcomes of the first Interregional English Language Proficiency Workshop (IELP) held in Kuwait from 9 to 11 November 2015. The Workshop, jointly organized by the ICAO APAC, EUR/NAT and MID Regional Offices was hosted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation of Kuwait and it was attended by 116 participants, originating from 14 States from 3 ICAO regions, 4 international organizations, and 8 industry stakeholders.

0.1.2 The EANPG recalled that the Programme Coordinating Group (COG) Language Proficiency Requirements Implementation (LPRI) Task Force (TF), a unique and highly specialized group of linguistic and operational experts reporting to the ICAO EUR/NAT, EANPG/COG was mandated to support the organization of the IELP Workshop in the behalf of the ICAO EUR Region.

0.1.3 The EANPG was informed that the IELP workshop acknowledged that:

- The Language Proficiency Requirements are safety critical and their effective implementation should continue to be supported by States;
- ICAO will continue to monitor the implementation of LPRs through USOAP CMA;
- While progress has been made in the aviation language testing and training domains, this industry remains unregulated;
- The implementation of aviation language testing and training best practices in accordance with ICAO Manual on the Implementation of ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements (Doc 9835 AN/453) are key for the successful implementation of the language proficiency requirements;
- Licences for pilots and air traffic controllers should be endorsed based on ICAO recognized tests;
- Relating to LPRI there is a need to enhance States' safety oversight capabilities, including through ICAO HELPP (Home of the English Language Proficiency Programme) and the training of concerned regulators' staff;
- Regulators should maintain regular contact with the Test Service Providers;
- ICAO to consider inclusion of ELP related procedures in the PANS Training document (Doc 9868) as appropriate;
- ICAO to consider developing additional ELP (testing) related Protocol Questions (PQs) within the USOPA CMA framework;
- Based on identified requirements (safety case), ICAO to consider the development of provisions related to ELP for other aviation safety related disciplines (e.g. AIM, MET, firefighting, flight attendants, ground staff);
- Cooperation and sharing of information and resources at regional/sub-regional level to be encouraged;
- ELP ICAO training material (i.e. sound samples) to be used and further developed, including the development of a CBT.
- ICAO should consider:
 - establishing a validity/currency for Level 6;
 - recognition (through AELTS) of level 6 specific developed tests.

0.1.4 During the EANPG discussions, Turkey suggested to consider the development of dedicated ELP requirements and training material for military personnel

operating in a mixed civil-military environment, within the framework of COG LPRI TF. NATO supported Turkey and both were invited to participate in the works of the COG LPRI TF.

0.1.5 IFALPA fully supported the Working Paper and the proposed conclusion and highlighted that the safety benefit of the language proficiency program would come from training and practice; therefore States should be encouraged to use all appropriate and cost-efficient ways to increase the training and the use of the English language by professionals involved in international air transport including, as an example, recurrent trainings, staff briefings and similar professional meetings which could be held in English, instead of a local language.

0.1.6 In addition, the EANPG recalled that it was essential for the Member States to continue the implementation of aviation language testing and training best practices in accordance with ICAO Document 9835, and Assembly Resolution A38-8.

0.1.7 Therefore, the EANPG agreed to the following:

EANPG Conclusion 57/_eanpg57wp29/1 – Support LPRI

That the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic:

- a) Encourage Member States to:
 - i) endorse pilot and air traffic controller licenses, based on ICAO recognized tests;
 - ii) make use of the ICAO Aviation Language Test Service (AELTS) to verify language testing instruments;
- b) Invite COG LPRI TF to support and organize, under the ICAO IHELP programme, similar interregional events.

Note: Working Paper presented by Adrian Enright (ICAEA Vice-President) on behalf of the COG LPRI Task Force