JARUS Plenary Meeting in Chengdu made great achievements and discussed the JARUS update plan

From October 14 to 18, the Plenary Meeting of the Joint Authorities for Rulemaking on Unmanned Systems (JARUS), jointly organized by the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) and the National Research Center of ATM Law and Standard, sponsored by Xihua University, was held in Chengdu, China. UAS/RPAS regulators and experts from all over the world gathered together, including representatives of 23 member countries/organisations, a total of 106 participants.

This meeting made the following achievements:

1. Ms. Jeannie Stewart-Smith from Transport Canada was elected to be the new JARUS Vice-Chair.
2. Professor LIU Hao, Deputy Director of National Research Center of ATM Law and Standard, China, continues to serve as Vice-Chair for his second term.
3. The documents “JARUS OPS A & B” and “CS-UAS 1.0” were published.
4. The document “JARUS GM to JARUS recommendation UAS RPC CAT A and CAT B Regarding Recognised Assessment Entity (RAE)” was approved for External Consultation.
5. The documents “White Paper – Use of mobile network to support UAS operations” and “JARUS UAS Operational Categorization - ANNEX B – Control Station Handover Process” were approved for Internal Consultation.
6. The Standard Scenario documents, STS01 and STS02 were released, together with STS03, which would need two more weeks of written vote procedure after the closing of the Chengdu plenary meeting.
7. Portugal, China, and Canada will continue the JARUS Secretariat work. Under the leadership of Secretary-General, Mr. Mike Lissone, the Secretariat will have the following new colleagues: Marta Duarte, Nancy LIANG (Bingjie), TAN Tian, and Frederick Petracchi.

The Plenary had a good debate on the document “JARUS Future Work Plan” and vote for the release of the first version. The Plenary agreed that this document would be kept as one living document.

Jukka Hannola, the Chair, and LIU Hao, the Vice-Chair, presented the “The JARUS Update Plan” to the Plenary, and the Plenary decided to set up Focus Group on the Future of JARUS. The Focus Group will elaborate on the “The JARUS Update Plan” with practical plans for the next Plenary to consider and vote, if necessary.

The Plenary also reached agreement on the following issues:
1. The first Plenary Meeting of 2020 will be held in Ottawa, hosted by Transport Canada in the Spring;
2. The second Plenary Meeting of 2020 will be held in Rome, hosted by the Italian Civil Aviation Authority (ENAC), between 5th-9th October 2020.

EASA, FAA, and China provide updates on their UAS regulation and legislation work.

On behalf of the JARUS community, Jukka Hannola and LIU Hao presented the Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Christopher Swider for his leadership and service to JARUS as Vice-Chair, and also to Ms. Emanuela Innocente for her outstanding Secretariat service to JARUS.

Feel free to forward this message to anyone interested in the new JARUS deliverables.

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JARUS aims to recommend a single set of technical, safety and operational requirements for the certification and the safe integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in airspace and at aerodrome. Seven Working Groups provide guidance material and recommendations to facilitate national aviation authorities to develop their requirements and avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.

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