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LIAISON NOTE

The use of drones for AtoN management

# INTRODUCTION

The ARM Committee has been working on task ARM-2.2.1 Develop a Recommendation and Guideline on the use of drones for AtoN management. This work is to be conducted in collaboration with the VTS Committee who also have task VTS-2.8.6 on the same subject.

# DISCUSSION

At ARM20 the draft guideline underwent extensive review which resulted in significant refinements. Overlapping content was consolidated to produce a more concise and cohesive guideline. The document structure was revised to improve clarity. In addition new sections were introduced including detailed cost-analysis considerations and an improved maintenance framework.

The task group has been working on this draft since ARM17 and is now satisfied with its structure scope and content. Feedback received from the DTEC and ENG Committees was carefully reviewed and incorporated throughout the drafting process ensuring the document aligns with broader organisational objectives.

The guideline is expected to be finalized and submitted to Council following ARM21. ARM now requests that VTS review the draft and provide technical feedback as it relates to VTS for consideration at ARM21 to support its finalization.

# ACTION REQUESTED

The VTS Committee is requested to:

1. Review the attached draft guideline Drone Operation for AtoN Management (ARM20-11.2.7.1)
2. Provide any technical VTS feedback to ARM21 with a view to finalizing the document.