



**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION**

**AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP  
EIGHTEENTH MEETING (APIRG/18)  
Kampala, Uganda (27 – 30 March 2012)**

**Agenda Item 1.3: Review of Past APIRG Conclusions/Decisions**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

<b>SUMMARY</b>
<p>This Working Paper highlights the backlog situation regarding APIRG Conclusions and Decisions since the Thirteenth Meeting of the Group, and proposes a process for the review and consolidation of the past APIRG Conclusions and Decisions, in order to improve focus and harmonization of implementation actions.</p>
<p><b>REFERENCE(S):</b></p> <p>APIRG Procedural Handbook. Reports of APIRG/13, APIRG/14, APIRG/15, APIRG/16 and APIRG/17.</p>
<p><b>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A and C.</b></p>

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 In accordance with the APIRG Procedural Handbook, action taken by the Group shall be recorded in the form of *conclusions* and *decisions*. *Conclusions* deal with matters which, in accordance with the Group's terms of reference, merit directly the attention of States, or on which further action is required to be initiated by the Secretary in accordance with established procedures. *Decisions* relate to the internal working arrangements of the Group and its sub-groups.

1.2 As tabulated below, a higher number of conclusions and decisions have been developed since APIRG/13 meeting in 2001, which has made it progressively more challenging to prioritize implementation actions, with limited resources.

<b>APIRG MEETING</b>	<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<b>DECISIONS</b>
APIRG/13 (2001)	97	05
APIRG/14 (2003)	57	08
APIRG/15 (2005)	85	18
APIRG/16 (2007)	51	18
APIRG/17 (2010)	88	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>68</b>

1.2 While many of the Conclusions and Decisions have been implemented, there are still a large number which have not been implemented for various reasons. Some have also become outdated.

## 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 In order to effectively address implementation issues as called for in the Terms of Reference of the Group, it is imperative that work to be carried out is manageable. States have to be able to identify priorities, allocate resources accordingly and follow up implementation. Similarly, the Group and the Secretariat have to be able to follow up on the implementation of Conclusions, and provide effective guidance to ensure harmonization between related actions applicable to Conclusions and the implementation actions for SARPs, as well as, the Regional Air Navigation Meetings' Recommendations.

2.2 The meeting will acknowledge, however, that the number of Conclusions and Decisions has become cumbersome to manage effectively and requires a strategy to be developed. In this regard, the Group may wish to direct the Sub-Groups to review all APIRG Conclusions and Decisions from and including APIRG/13 meeting, with the objective of identifying Conclusions and Decisions with the following characteristics:

- (a) Those which have been implemented or become obsolete due to developments;
- (b) Those which have matured to be included in the work programmes of APIRG and its subsidiary bodies, Terms of Reference or Handbook of the Group and its subsidiary bodies, to serve general purposes;
- (c) Those which are adequately covered by other specific provisions of ICAO including SARPs, Assembly Resolutions and Regional requirements, to be deleted or reformulated to complement such other ICAO provisions; and
- (d) Those which have since become redundant.

2.3 Based on the above, the Group may wish to formulate the following Decision:

**DECISION 18/XX: REVIEW AND UPDATE OF APIRG CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS**

**That APIRG Sub-Groups:**

- a) **Review all APIRG Conclusions and Decisions from APIRG/13 to APIRG/17 and identify those which are no longer valid;**
- b) **Adopt a system of reviewing the validity of Conclusions and Decisions every two successive APIRG meetings; and**
- c) **Transfer Conclusions and Decisions which have reached maturity and still relevant to appropriate guides, handbooks and manuals for the AFI Region.**

## 3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

The meeting is invited to:

- (a) note the information and discussion in this working paper; and
- (b) agree to the action in paragraph 2.3 of this working paper and the Decision there under.

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