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AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP
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Agenda Item 4: Air Navigation and Aviation Security (AVSEC) Issues
4.3: Air Traffic Management (ATS, AIS & SAR)

Preparation undertaken by Kenya towards the implementation of RVSM in Nairobi FIR

(Presented by Kenya)

Summary

This paper provides an overview on the preparations currently undertaken by Kenya, pursuant to APIRG Conclusion 14/21 concerning the implementation of RVSM in AFI Region.

1. INTRODUCTION

Following the nomination of Kenya to be a member of the AFI RVSM Task Force in Dakar, Senegal in June 2002 and the subsequent acceptance by AFI Region to implement RVSM, Kenya continued to participate in the various meetings, seminars and workshops pertinent to RVSM as convened by ICAO Regional office. The information received and knowledge gained from such fora provided Kenya with the necessary foundation upon which to launch her preparations for the implementation of RVSM in Nairobi FIR.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Kenya set up an RVSM technical team to undertake the preparation for RVSM implementation. The RVSM Programme Manager was consequently designated to co-ordinate the RVSM activities.

2.2 Part of the preparations included training 2 RVSM trainers who in turn set up a training programme at the East African School of Aviation (EASA). The RVSM training programme at EASA, which is still ongoing, has to date trained 52 Air Traffic Controllers.

2.3 An Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) was issued to notify industry players on Kenya's intention to implement RVSM within the Nairobi FIR. Consultative meetings with the industry players have picked up in earnest and the signs of positive response are exhibited in the efforts being made by the various operators to equip their aircraft as appropriate while also training the flight crew.

2.4. Training of inspectors for Airworthiness approvals is also progressing quite well and it is expected that the aircraft that are eligible for approvals will receive the requisite services.

2.5. Draft legislation for RVSM implementation has been developed.

2.6. The Draft National Safety Plan was finalised and submitted to ICAO ESAF Regional Office.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 Kenya has given the implementation of RVSM serious attention and continues to do so as the target date approaches. Kenya is willing and ready to share her experiences with other states and in particular the neighbouring FIRs with a view to adopt a harmonised and co-ordinated approach to the implementation of RVSM in conformity with the AFI strategy.

4. Action by the Meeting.

4.1 The meeting is invited to:

1. Note the preparations made by Kenya.
2. Request neighboring states to co-ordinate and share their RVSM implementation readiness programs and experiences.
3. Explore ways of encouraging states to share available expertise and resources as appropriate as a means of achieving economy of scale in the implementation of RVSM.

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