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**Fourteenth Meeting of the Air Traffic Management/Aeronautical Information Management/Search and Rescue Sub-Group (ATM/AIM/SAR SG/14)  
(Dakar, Senegal, 11 to 14 May 2015)**

**Agenda Item 2: Review of outcome of the APIRG Extraordinary Meeting**

**OUTCOME OF APIRG/EO MEETING LUSAKA, JULY 2014**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

<b>SUMMARY</b>
This working paper presents outcome of the APIRG Extraordinary Meeting and proposes actions in order to give effect to outcome of the APIRG/EO.
Action by the meeting is at <b>paragraph 3</b> .
<b>REFERENCES</b>
– APIRG/19 Report – APIRG/EO Report
This Working Paper is related to Strategic Objectives: <b>A, B &amp; E</b>

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Extraordinary Meeting of APIRG (APIRG/EO) was convened in Lusaka, Zambia, 10-11 July 2014. Copy of the report of the Meeting is provided at **Appendix A** to this working paper. Amongst others, the Group agreed on changes in its organizational structure and working methods, and accordingly the Decision EO/01: *Reorganization of APIRG*. Key developments in the changes include the following:

- (a) Significant reduction of subsidiary bodies
- (b) Establishment of project approach to implementation which features
  - a. Projects
  - b. Project Teams
- (c) Revision in the procedures (APIRG Handbook) for participation in the activities of the Group, with increased focus on improved utilization of existing expertise.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The meeting will note from the report of the APIRG/EO that the ATM/AIM/SAR SG, as are all other existing Sub-Groups of APIRG, have been replaced by new Sub-Groups that are largely aligned with the four ASBUs Performance Improvement Areas:

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1. Airport Operations
2. Globally Interoperable Systems and Data
3. Optimum Capacity and Flexible Flights
4. Efficient Flight Paths

2.2 In this respect, the following organizational structure was adopted.

- **Projects Coordination Committee (APCC)**
- **Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub- Group (AAO/SG),**
- **Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG)**
- **Traffic Forecasting Group (TFG),**

2.3 It may be noted from the discussion in the APIRG/EO report that:

- AIM expertise will primarily be in the IIM/SG
- ATM expertise will primarily be in the AAO/SG
- CNS expertise will be in both the Sub-Groups
- Since there are no direct SAR modules in the current ASBUs Modules, for organizational purposes SAR expertise will also be in the AAO/SG
- AGA expertise will be in AAO/SG
- The tasks that require to be undertaken within the framework of APIRG will be identified in the form of Project under the SGs, provided that APIRG may itself establish projects
- There is less emphasis on standing bodies, in favour of Project Teams.
- There is an enhanced focus of the participation of appropriate expertise in the Sub-Groups and Project Teams.

2.4 The meeting may wish to take the opportunity of this last session of the ATM/AIM/SAR Sub-Group to ensure that individual delegations establish a clear common appreciation of the new arrangements impact of the restructuring of APIRG as reflected in the APIRG/EO report.

### 3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information this working paper;
- b) discuss the new structure and working methodology in order to establish clear common appreciation of the arrangements, and apply such appreciation in the deliberations of various agenda items; and

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