

## INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Third Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group  
(AAO/SG3), Virtual Meeting, 3 to 5 August 2020**Agenda Item 3: Planning and implementation Airspace****3.1 PROPOSED NEW PROJECTS FOR THE AAO SG***(Presented by the Secretariat)***SUMMARY**

This working paper presents the proposed new projects to be considered under the AAO/SG. The meeting is invited to take note of the APIRG/22 conclusions 22/20, 22/35, and 22/36.

Action by the meeting is at **paragraph 3**.

**REFERENCES**

– APIRG/22 Report

This Working Paper is related to Strategic Objectives: **A & B**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 APIRG 22 adopted new specific conclusions under the airspace and aerodrome operations. These conclusions call for the establishment of new projects under the AAO SG to fully address the areas of improvement as outlined in APIRG 22 Conclusions 22/20, 22/35, 22/26 and 22/41.

**2. DISCUSSION**

**2.1 APIRG/22 Conclusion 22/20** calls for the amendment of the AFI Air Navigation Plan. While the amendment of the ANP relies directly on information received from the states, the AFI Regional Supplementary Procedures Doc. 7474 has not gone through the official amendment since 2009; there are many parts of the document that requires updating to reflect the current status of implementation in the region. A good example is the implementation of the controller/pilot data link communication (CPDLC) in the region. Doc. 7474 currently have no procedures for the operation of CPDLC. This paper therefore calls for the establishment of a team to review and update the AFI regional SUPP Doc 7474.

**2.2 APIRG 22 Conclusion 22/35** calls for the establishment of the AFI Seamless ATM system. That in order to improve the flow of air traffic in the AFI region there is need for the development of **an AFI ATM regional Vision Document, Concept of Operations and Master ATM Plan** with enabling **Infrastructure Strategy** for Africa. This paper calls for the establishment of a project team to foster the development of the AFI ATM Master Plan.

**2.3 APIRG/22 Conclusion 22/36** calls for establishment of the Free Routing Airspace (FRA) in the continental AFI airspace. In order to foster the implementation, six East African states were identified for the trials. This paper calls for the establishment of a project management team to spearhead the trials; the PMT to include project managers nominated from the six states and key stakeholder organizations.

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information in the WP;
- b) review and consider the relevance of the proposal of the new projects in line with APIRG 22 conclusions;
  - **Conc. 22/20**
  - **Conc. 22/35**
  - **Conc. 22/36**
- c) urge States to appoint and support Experts to participate to the new Project Teams; and
- d) review and propose further action.

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