



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP
TWENTIETH MEETING (APIRG/20)
(Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire, 30 November to 2 December 2015)

Agenda Item 5: Terms of reference and future work programme of the APIRG

AMENDMENT TO PIRG TERMS OF REFERENCE RELATED TO BASIC OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND PLANNING CRITERIA (BORPC)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the action taken by the Council where it was agreed that the terms of reference of all PIRGs be amended to remove the basic operational requirements and planning criteria (BORPC) from regional air navigation plans (ANPs).

Action by APIRG/20 is contained in paragraph 3

<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	This working paper relates to all Strategic Objectives
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ANC reviewed on 26 February 2015 the report of the APANPIRG/25 meeting (September 2014), and noted that the basic operational requirements and planning criteria (BORPC) in the terms of reference of the APANPIRG no longer apply to the new air navigation plan format. It was agreed to advise the Council that the terms of reference of all PIRGs should be amended accordingly.

1.2 On 17 June 2015, during its review of the consolidated annual report planning and implementation regional groups (PIRGs) and regional aviation safety groups (RASGs) - results up to February 2015, the Council through its Decision C-DEC 205/5 shown at **Appendix** to this paper, agreed that the terms of reference of all PIRGs should be amended to remove the BORPC from regional air navigation plans (ANPs).

2. PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 The Secretariat submits for action of the PIRG, that the terms of reference of APIRG should be amended to indicate that the BORPC no longer apply to ANPs.

2.2 Delete “review the Statement of Basic Operational Requirements and Planning Criteria and recommend to the Air Navigation Commission such changes as may be required in the light of new developments in the air navigation field” from the terms of reference of APIRG.

3. **ACTION BY APIRG/20**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the action taken by Council on C-DEC 205/5 on BORPC; and
- b) agree to amend the mandate of APIRG by deleting reference to operational requirements and planning criteria (BORPC) as they are no longer part of regional air navigation plans (ANPs).

APPENDIX

**EXCERPT C-DEC 205/5
(17 June 2015)**

Report of the Repository Review Group (Subject No. 14.4)

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Consolidated annual report on Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) – Results up to February 2015 (Subject No. 14.4.2)

9. This subject was considered on the basis of C-WP/14280, jointly presented by the President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and the Director of the Air Navigation Bureau (D/ANB). The paper contained a summary of the ANC's review of PIRGs' and RASGs' meeting reports conducted during the period April 2014 to February 2015, and elaborated on the regional safety and air navigation implementation progress, challenges, associated recommendations and actions being taken. Appendix A to the paper set forth, in tabular form by region, a summary of all PIRGs' and RASGs' regional implementation performance progress for the said period. Appendix B contained some relevant conclusions of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS) and the Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG). Note was taken of the need to harmonize the terminology used to describe the said progress of implementation in future consolidated annual reports.

10. In taking the action proposed in the executive summary of C-WP/14280, as amended by the President of the Council in light of the discussion, the Council:

- a) agreed that the terms of reference of all PIRGs should be amended to indicate that the basic operational requirements and planning criteria (BORPC) no longer apply to regional air navigation plans (ANPs);
- b) requested the Secretariat to ensure that RASG and PIRG State participants and all Member States in general have access to ICAO documents free of charge to the extent possible pursuant to ICAO's Publications Policy;
- c) noted that digital rights management (DRM) may impact access to ICAO documents and that a safety assessment of the new DRM project should take into account States' ability to access documents to support implementation of ICAO provisions, and the possible safety impact of that project;
- d) noted the availability of the information provided by the Asia/Pacific Search and Rescue (SAR) Task Force as relevant to the ongoing consideration of the global aeronautical distress and safety system (GADSS) concept of operation and requested that other regions, using an appropriate mechanism, provide similar information regarding their own regions;
- e) further noted, in the GADSS context, the Normal Aircraft Tracking Implementation Initiative (NATII) currently underway;

- f) noted the outcomes of the PIRGs' and RASGs' activities and the progress made in the regional implementation of air navigation and safety plans as described in the paper, and requested the Secretariat to ensure that the best practices arising from the various PIRGs and RASGs are shared across the regions;
- g) requested States to provide sufficient support, participation and contributions to the RASGs' Work Programmes and implementation activities, and requested the Secretariat to further monitor this situation and ensure that RASGs continue to provide added value to States to as to encourage the latter's involvement therein;
- h) requested States to include in their delegations to PIRG meetings both representatives of air navigation services providers (ANSPs) and safety regulation and policy officials from their administrations;
- i) requested that the next consolidated annual report include an update on States' participation in the PIRGs and RASGs, as well as information on the status of implementation of the new ANP format; and
- j) noted the issue raised relating to Conclusion 50/32 – *Geographical applicability of the European Union Law and especially the Single European Sky Regulations* of the North Atlantic Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG) (cf. paragraph 2.10 of the paper) and requested the Secretariat to continue its work in that regard.

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