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## INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

### Twenty Third Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/23) & Sixth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region (RASG-AFI/6) – Joint session

*(Virtual, 27 and 30 November 2020)*

#### Agenda Item 3:           **APIRG and RASG-AFI Coordination**

##### **Review of the terms of reference of the ARC Task Force (ARC-TF)**

*(Presented by Secretariat)*

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
This working paper presents the coordination between the APIRG and RASG AFI in accordance with the provisions of their respective Procedural Handbooks and the terms of reference approved by the ICAO Council for PIRGs and RASGs.	
The third meeting of the APIRG- RASG Coordination Task Force meeting held on 05 November 2020 reviewed the various initiatives, including the implementation of the APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/05 recommendations on the ARC-TF. Accordingly, the meeting also reviewed and updated common areas of interest where mutual coordination is required in order for the two groups to efficiently and effectively address implementation issues in the AFI Region.	
Action by the Meeting reflected at paragraph 3	
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>	This Working Paper is related to the ICAO Safety and Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency Strategic Objectives
<b>Reference(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RASG-AFI/05 and APIRG /22 Reports</li> <li>• APIRG and RASG-AFI Procedural Hand Books</li> <li>• Recording of the ARC-TF/03 meeting</li> </ul>

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The third APIRG and RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) meeting was held virtually on 05 November 2020 to review the outcomes of the RASC/05 and APCC/5 meetings, and the implementation of the APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/05 recommendations on the ARC-TF. The meeting also discussed and considered the information provided on, among others, common areas of interest where coordination is required between APIRG and RASG; proposed agenda for APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/06 joint meeting and coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI annual report.

## **2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The APIRG-RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force was presented with information on the outcomes of the RASC/05 and APCC/5 meetings held on 28 October and 03 November 2020 respectively. Accordingly, the meeting was briefed on implementation actions based on APIRG/22 and RASG AFI/05 decisions and conclusions, the status of various projects and critical initiatives

by RASG-AFI, and the performance of regional air navigation planning and implementation. Other important items presented include the review of the procedural handbooks of RASG-AFI and APIRG on the basis of the generic handbook approved by the Council; the outcomes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee and the proposed draft agenda and programme for the upcoming RASG-AFI/ 06 and APIRG/ 23 meetings.

#### *Membership of the Task Force*

2.2 In relation to the need to have an all-inclusive task force, the meeting proposed expansion of the current ARC-TF membership from APIRG, RASG-AFI, AFCAC and Industry highlighted below:

- APIRG (Chairperson and First and Second Chairperson of APIRG, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of AAO/SG; and Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of IIM/SG);
- RASG-AFI (First Vice-Chairperson of RASG-AFI; and Champion States of Safety Support Teams (SSTs));
- AFCAC;
- Industry: ACI, AFRAA, AIRBUS, ASECNA, BOEING, CANSO, IATA, etc.

2.3 The meeting agreed that in order to address the expansion issue and enhance the effectiveness of the ARC-TF activities, the Chairperson of RASG-AFI should be a member of the Task force and APIRG and RASG Chairpersons will alternate in serving as Chairperson of the ARC-TF. It was further agreed in principle that the routine be extended to rotational and alternate chairing of the subsequent joint APIRG/RASG meetings. In addition, it was recommended that the amendments should be reflected in the APIRG and RASG-AFI TORs and procedural handbooks.

#### *Common areas of interest*

2.4 The allocation of tasks and areas of common interest between APIRG and RASG-AFI was reviewed by the meeting and approved with some amendments. The meeting recommended that the revised and updated common areas of the APIRG and RASG-AFI should be presented to the joint session of the forthcoming RASG-AFI/06 and APIRG/ 23 meetings. Accordingly, the updated common areas will be presented to this meeting under Agenda item 3 of the Joint Session for your consideration.

2.5 In addition to the above, the meeting considered the proposed agenda for APIRG23/RASG/6 Joint Session and a mechanism for Coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI annual report as presented by the Secretariat.

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

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this Working Paper; and
- b) consider the proposed expansion and composition of the ARC-TF membership.
- c) Consider and approve the proposed amendment of the APIRG and RASG-AFI TORs and procedural handbooks.

## ATTACHMENT

### TERMS OF REFERENCE, WORK PROGRAMME AND COMPOSITION OF THE APIRG/RASG-AFI COORDINATION TASK FORCE

The Joint APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force established, as a subsidiary body to APIRG and RASG-AFI, is responsible for coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI on routine basis.

#### WORK PROGRAMME

TASK No.	SUBJECT	TARGET DATE
1.	Strengthen existing arrangements and adequately address the requirements for coordination and collaboration between the two Groups.	TBD
2.	Facilitate consistency and efficiency, and ensure lack of duplication and conflict between the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI.	TBD
3.	Ensure mutual exchange of information on the Conclusions and Decisions reached at the Groups' Meetings, or any other activities undertaken by the Groups in line with the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP).	TBD
4.	Identify any challenges faced by the Groups in achieving their set objectives and targets, alert the Groups and their Secretariats on these challenges, conflicts and / or inefficiencies with proposed strategies to address them, for the endorsement of the Groups.	TBD

Note: The ARC-TF should discuss common and urgent issues and report to the APIRG and RASG-AFI.

#### COMPOSITION

The ARC-TF comprises representatives from:

- APIRG (Chairperson, First and Second Chairpersons of APIRG; Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Airspace and Aerodrome Operators Sub-Group (AAO/SG); and Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Information and Infrastructure Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG))
- RASG-AFI (Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of RASG-AFI; and the Champion States of the SSTs)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFCAC</li> <li>• Industry: ACI, CANSO, IATA, IFALPA, AFRAA, IFATCA, AIRBUS, BOEING, etc</li> <li>• Representatives from ICAO recognized Regional Organizations (RSOOs, RAIOs, etc.).</li> </ul>
<p><b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APIRG/RASG-AFI Joint Coordination Task Force Members – provide technical expertise in identifying the challenges, analyzing them, and providing guidance and recommendations for overcoming such challenges in order to meet the set targets and improve aviation safety within the AFI Region, in line with the GASP and GANP.</li> <li>• The ICAO Regional Offices accredited to AFI States serve as Secretariat.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WORKING ARRANGEMENTS</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ARC-TF should complete its work and submit its proposals to the APIRG and RASG-AFI. The ARC-TF should work through electronic correspondence / teleconferences prior to meetings.</li> </ul>