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INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Twenty Third Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/23)
Follow-up on APIRG/22 Meeting Conclusions and Decisions
1.4. Review of outcomes of APCC/5 meeting
(Presented by Secretariat)
SUMMARY

This working paper presents the outcomes of the APCC meeting which was held virtually on 3rd November 2020

Action by the Meeting is at paragraph 3

Strategic Objectives	A-Safety B-Capacity and Efficiency
References	APIRG Procedural Handbook

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group Projects Coordination Committee (APCC) was established as an APIRG structure by Group Extra Ordinary meeting held in Zambia in 2014. The main purpose of the APCC is to undertake tasks that have hitherto been an increasing challenge such as, reducing the volume of material for consideration by APIRG meetings to manageable levels, carrying out certain tasks in between the APIRG meetings in order to facilitate continuity and efficiency in implementation, and supporting the required coordination between APIRG and RSG-AFI. The APCC is composed of elected Chairperson and Vice-chairperson, the Secretary of APIRG, elected Officials from States and Secretaries of the Sub-Groups. The Group has so far held five meetings.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The APCC/5 considered several items related to APIRG activities notably, Airspace and Aerodromes Operations/Infrastructure and Information Management Subgroups reports and the amendments to the documents in line with ICAO Council approved generic revised TOR (format of APIRG/RASG-AFI meetings, reporting requirements, etc.) , which necessitate the review of the APIRG Procedural handbook. The meeting agreed to the proposed amendments to the handbook and recommended the approval of the same by APIRG.

2.2 The meeting noted that according to the Council approved ToR, APIRG meetings would be convened annually in the Regional Offices, to the extent possible, to facilitate proper access by States. Approval to host PIRG meetings outside of the Regional Office must be obtained from the President of the Council. The meeting noted that that the AFI Region is unable to comply with the preferred location of meetings due to the unavailability of resources and adequate facilities to host the meetings in the adopted format, at Regional offices. It was agreed that, the ICAO Council

President be requested to allow AFI region to conduct APIRG meetings outside the Regional Offices premises for efficiency and comfort of participants to the meetings.

2.3 Under Performance Framework for Regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Secretariat the meeting was updated on the outcomes of the third Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group Meeting (AAO SG/3). The APCC noted that the subgroup had formulated twenty-two draft decisions and conclusions.

2.4 In reviewing the proposed project implementation strategies, the APCC requested the team to strengthen the project implementation process and ensure concrete delivery of the intended outcomes. It was emphasized that opportunity should be taken of the new methods of working and virtual platforms to enhance project performance and monitoring. The APCC further urged the subgroup to review the existing reporting requirements aimed at improving effectiveness of APIRG Air Navigation Reporting Team.

2.5 The APCC was also updated on the outcomes of the third Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group Meeting (IIM SG/3) and the proposed new provisions related to Meteorology and Communication Navigation and Surveillance (CNS). The APCC noted that the subgroup had formulated twenty-four draft decisions and conclusions.

2.6 The APCC in accordance with its mandate developed the APIRG/23 Draft agenda and assigned duties and responsibilities to the secretariat. In considering the future work program of APIRG and its Auxiliary bodies, it was noted that the development and release of the APIRG Annual Air Navigation report was long overdue. Consequently, the meeting directed that the Secretariat ensure that the APIRG Air Navigation Report Team be developed for presentation to APIRG / 23.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) Note the outcomes of the APCC; and
 - b) Urge the relevant APIRG bodies to implement the various actions and directives; and
 - c) Approve the amendments and revisions to the APIRG TOR and handbook.

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