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## INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/25) and Eighth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/8), Joint sessions**

*7 - 11 November 2022*

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

**Outcomes of the Fifth APIRG/RASG-AFI Task Force (ARC-TF/5) Meeting**

*(Presented by Secretariat)*

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<p>This paper presents the outcomes of the Fifth Meeting of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF/5) held virtually on 27 October 2022.</p> <p>The meeting reviewed and discussed its terms of reference, the implementation of the APIRG/24 &amp; RASG-AFI/7 Meeting Conclusions/Decisions, the APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas, the proposed Agenda for APIRG/25 &amp; RASG-AFI/8 Joint sessions and the Coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reports.</p> <p>The action by the Meeting is in <b>paragraph 3</b></p>	
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>	This working paper relates to the Strategic Objectives in the areas of Safety and Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency
<b>Reference(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APIRG /24 and RASG-AFI/07 Meeting Reports</li> <li>• APIRG and RASG-AFI Procedural Handbooks</li> </ul>

## 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting would recall that the Joint APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) established, as a subsidiary body to APIRG and RASG-AFI, is responsible for coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI on a routine basis. The ARC-TF is required to discuss common and urgent issues and report to APIRG and RASG-AFI.

1.2 The Fifth APIRG and RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF/5) meeting was attended by thirty (38) participants from AFI States and Regional/International Organizations.

## 2 DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting was chaired by Mr. Tobias Gunzel, Director General, Namibia Civil Aviation Authority and Chairperson of APIRG. The ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices served as the Secretariat.

2.2 The meeting discussed its terms of reference, the implementation of the APIRG/24 & RASG-AFI/7 Meeting Conclusions/Decisions, the APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas, the proposed Agenda for APIRG/25 & RASG-AFI/8 Joint sessions and the Coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reports.

### **Review of the terms of reference of the ARC-TF**

2.3 The meeting reviewed the Terms of Reference (TORs) including the work programme, key tasks, the composition, roles and responsibilities and working arrangements of the ARC-TF with a view to coordinate and guide planning and implementation activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI.

### **Review of the implementation of the Joint APIRG/24 & RASG-AFI/7 Conclusions/Decisions**

2.4 The meeting reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the two (02) Conclusions and one (01) Decision of the Joint APIRG/24 and RASG-AFI/7 Meeting and urged States and organizations to timely implementation of the remaining actions. The updated status of implementation of the said Conclusions and Decisions is at Appendix 2 to the ARC-TF/5 Meeting Report.

### **Review and update of APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas**

2.5 The meeting was reminded that the review of the allocation of tasks and the areas of common interest between APIRG and RASG-AFI is part of the ARC-TF terms of reference and work Programme for the purpose of ensuring consistency, efficiency and avoidance of duplication and conflict between the activities of the two Groups as well as the AFI Plan.

2.6 The meeting reviewed and updated the list of identified common areas between the APIRG, RASG-AFI and the AFI Plan, for its presentation to the APIRG and RASG-AFI Meetings.

### **Proposed Agenda for APIRG/25 & RASG/8 Joint Sessions**

2.7 The meeting reviewed the draft Agenda for the forthcoming APIRG/25 & RASG-AFI/8 Joint sessions scheduled to be held on the 7 and 11 November 2022, in line with the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) recommendation for a uniform approach to the formulation of the agenda for PIRG and RASG Meetings.

2.8 The draft agenda for APIRG/25 & RASG-AFI/8 Joint sessions was adopted as presented by the Secretariat.

### **Coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reporting**

2.9 The meeting was briefed on the presentation of the APIRG/24 and RASG-AFI/7 report to ANC and the ICAO Council, as well as the challenges encountered in the coordination of the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) and the APIRG Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) activities.

2.10 The meeting recognized the efforts of the APIRG and RASG-AFI Chairpersons and Secretaries leading to the successful coordination and reporting to ANC and ICAO Council.

2.11 With regards to the publication of the ASRT and AANRT reports, the meeting urged members of the two teams to enhance coordination of their activities in order to address the identified challenges.

**3 ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in this WP;
- b) Consider any further improvements to the actions endorsed by the ARC-TF/5.