



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING (APIRG/EO)
(Lusaka, Zambia, 10 to 11 July 2014)**

**Agenda Item 3: Review of Draft Consequential Amendment Proposals to the
APIRG Procedural Handbook**

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE APIRG PROCEDURAL HANDBOOK

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>This information paper provides information on the progress made so far to develop the consequential amendments to the APIRG Procedural Handbook, to align with and support the reorganized APIRG and its working methods pursuant to the Group's Decision 19/48.</p>	
<p>References :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICAO Special Regional Air Navigation Meeting (SP AFI/08 RAN, 2008) Report (Doc 9930)• ICAO Twelfth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf./12) Report• Nineteenth AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group Meeting (APIRG/19) Meeting Report• ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP, Doc 9750), Fourth Edition	
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<p>This working paper is related to the following ICAO strategic objectives for the 2014-2016 Triennium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A: Enhance Global Civil Aviation Safety;B: Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency; andE: Environmental Protection

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Special Regional Air Navigation Meeting of 2008 (SP AFI/08 RAN) in November 2008 recognized the need to have a clearly defined strategy to implement Air Traffic Management (ATM) systems as well as the need to align work programmes of States, regions and ICAO Headquarters and agreed that APIRG should review its structure to determine if changes would be beneficial in light of performance based approach to air navigation planning.

1.2. The ICAO Twelfth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf./12) Recommendation 6/1–*Regional performance framework–planning methodologies and tools*, inter alia, requests that States and PIRGs finalize the alignment of regional air navigation plans with the Fourth Edition of the GANP (Doc 9750) by May 2014, and focus on implementing the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs) Block 0 Modules according to their operational needs, recognizing that these modules are ready for deployment.

1.3. In view of the above, the APIRG/19 Meeting, held in Dakar from 28 to 31 October 2013 agreed on Decision 19/48, inter alia, requesting the Secretariat to develop a revised structure of APIRG for consideration by the Group. Consequently, the Secretariat has proposed the reorganization of APIRG as presented in Working Paper WP/2 of the meeting.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. Further to the proposal for reorganization of APIRG which is presented to the Group under Working Paper WP/2, it is necessary to update, enhance and align the working procedures of APIRG which are contained its Procedural Handbook.

2.2. The last major amendments to the APIRG Procedural Handbook were effected in 2005. Accordingly, the work to update the Handbook pursuant to the reorganization of APIRG would have to include a significant number of provisions aimed at giving effect to the principles behind the reorganization, most of which are contained in the Reference documents to the APIRG Decision 19/48. Provisions have also been made on the basis of consultations with ICAO Headquarters, other ICAO Regional Offices, and other relevant documents of ICAO, and experience in the functions of the Group since its establishment. In this regard, the meeting will note that consequential changes to the APIRG Procedural Handbook to provide for the reorganization which include the following aspects, would be extensive:

- a) amendments to existing provisions to align them to adopted reorganization
- b) improvements to existing provisions for purpose of clarity and enhance guidance
- c) additional provisions to reflect the newly adopted working methods
- d) editorial changes

2.3. The work to develop the consequential amendment of the Handbook has progressed significantly to a point where further material prior to outcome of APIRG-EO would be too cumbersome. A draft of the amendments to the Handbook, reflecting the anticipated changes, is provided at **Appendix A** to this Information Paper. In general, the draft covers inter alia, the following:

- a) provisions reflecting decisions of the ICAO Council, such the terms of reference; and
- b) tentative provisions reflecting the initial, high level permutations of the reorganization options, from which based on outcome of the meeting, some material will be removed, modified or additions made thereto, as necessary.

2.4. It will be noted, amongst others, that the structure of the Handbook has been retained. However, beside editorial aspects, the following changes may also be noted:

- a) some material has been deleted or modified to improve clarity of the provisions;
- b) more detail has been added to provide enhanced guidance in the procedures guiding the functions of the Group and its contributory bodies;
- c) new material has been included to address issues related to the project management approach which is being proposed in the reorganization and working methods of the Group;
- d) the provision for standing parts of the organizational structure (e.g. Task Forces) below the level of Sub-Group has been removed, in favour of project teams, whose terms of reference will be established upon appointment of the specific team and as part of the project definition;
- e) a notable emphasis has been made on the requirement for appropriate expertise in the Sub-Groups and project teams, particularly the latter;
- f) enhanced provision has been made for the invitation of the aviation industry to support the work of project teams.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1. The meeting is invited to note the contents of this information paper.

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