



**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**

This working paper provides information relating to consequential review and amendment of the APIRG Procedural Handbook, to align with and support the reorganized APIRG and its working methods pursuant to the Group's Decision 19/48. The paper acknowledges that while certain required changes to the Handbook may be obvious due to existing policy decisions, most changes, whether additional material or amendments to existing provisions, may only be clearly identified following adoption of the reorganization by the Group. Accordingly, the paper proposes the carrying of amendments to the Procedural Handbook, based on the outcome of the APIRG/EO Meeting, Lusaka 10-11 July 2014.

**Action:** The action to be taken by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**References :**

- 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

*Strategic Objectives:*

This working paper is related to the following ICAO strategic objectives for the 2014-2016 Triennium:

- A: Enhance Global Civil Aviation Safety;
- B: Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency; and
- E: Environmental Protection

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Special Regional Air Navigation Meeting of November 2008 (SP AFI/08 RAN) 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, Senegal 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 Group. Consequently, the Secretariat has proposed the reorganization of APIRG as presented in Working Paper WP/2 of the meeting.

## 2. DISCUSSION

2.1. In developing the proposal for reorganization of APIRG, it was recognizable that a large part of how the proposed structure would effectively function in order to realize the expected goals would be detailed in the functional procedures of the Group. In this respect, the Group will note that its working methods and working procedures are contained in the APIRG Procedural Handbook. The Group will also note that while some updates have been undertaken to the Procedural Handbook from time to time, the last significant amendment of the Handbook was effected in 2005.

2.2. Due to elapse of time since 2005, ICAO guiding principles that have come into effect and the reorganization of APIRG as proposed in WP/2, the meeting may wish to acknowledge that consequential changes to the APIRG Procedural Handbook to provide for the reorganization would be extensive. Changes to the Handbook would include:

- 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) amendments to the Appendices to the Handbook, including:
  - (i) information on Member States and Designated Representatives
  - (ii) list of AFI Provider and User States;
  - (iii) list of other regional bodies dealing with civil aviation matters in the Region; and
- e) editorial changes.

2.3. The Group may wish to note that the work to develop the consequential amendment of the Handbook has commenced and progressed significantly, covering primarily:

- a) provisions reflecting to decisions of the ICAO Council, such as 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. The Group may nevertheless wish to acknowledge that the extent, to which the tentative amendment material for the Handbook may be developed prior to adoption of the reorganized structure, is limited. Accurate detailed material may only be developed based on the agreement of the Group on the reorganized structure, and any guidance therefrom. Accordingly, the meeting may wish to formulate the following Decision:

***DRAFT DECISION EO/XXX: REVISIONS TO THE APIRG  
PROCEDURAL HANDBOOK***

***That, the Secretariat undertakes revision of the APIRG Procedural Handbook to reflect the reorganization of APIRG and working methods as adopted by the APIRG-EO meeting, as well as other relevant changes in ICAO. The revised Handbook be circulated to APIRG Members.***

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

3.1. The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information provided in this working paper; and
- b) Agree on the Draft Decision under paragraph 2.4 of this working paper.

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