



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

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

Agenda Item 4: Discussion of Transitional Arrangements for APIRG Work Programme

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR APIRG WORK PROGRAMME

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>This paper highlights the implications of a new organizational structure and working methods as envisaged by the APIRG/19 Meeting, and proposes a Decision of the Group to provide guidance for a transition that reduces or avoids implementation disruptions while facilitating progress in relation to the Aviation Systems Block Upgrades (ASBUs) methodology.</p>	
<p>References :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; and E: Environmental Protection

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. At its Nineteenth meeting in Dakar, Senegal from 28 to 31 October 2013, APIRG agreed on its reorganization in order to give effect to, inter alia, outcome of the Twelfth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf./12), in particular, adoption of the Fourth Edition of the GANP (Doc 9750), which focuses on implementing the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs) Block 0 Modules. In this regard, the APIRG/19 Meeting had formulated the following Decision:

DECISION 19/48 RE-ORGANIZATION OF APIRG

That:

- a) **The APIRG review its working methods and organizations using project management principles and other methodologies as and when necessary, and consider making adjustments to better support the ICAO performance framework in its planning and implementation activities aligned with the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs); and**
- b) **The Secretariat:**
 - i) **develop a revised structure of the APIRG taking due account of the best practices/benchmarking, established regional targets and priorities, and the need for synergies between similar or complementary activities; and**
 - ii) **accordingly call for an APIRG extraordinary meeting on this issue in 2014.**

1.2. APIRG, as are other Regions' Planning and implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs), has had work programme characterized by a significant number of activities primarily arising from the Performance Objectives defined on regional basis .

2. DISCUSSION

2.1. The introduction of the ASBUs methodology and project management approach has not necessarily obviated implementation based on the Regional Performance Objectives. In addition, there continues to be, from time to time, implementation requirements which while necessary, tend to be beyond the ASBUs and the Performance Objectives.

2.2. It may be noted however, that many activities that have been carried out within the framework of APIRG, are reflected in the ASBUs Modules. These include the following:

- a) Development of air traffic services routes which henceforth be carried out under ASBUs Module B0-FRTO;
- b) Modules B0-CCO and B0-CDO which are largely mirror images of continuous climb operations and continuous decent operations which have been in the work programme as part of the implementation of performance based navigation (PBN);
- c) Integration of aeronautical VSAT networks (B0-FICE);
- d) Aerodrome Certification (B0-ACDM); and
- e) Quality management systems (QMS) for aeronautical meteorological services (B0-AMET).

2.3. On the other hand, there are activities which are not hitherto included in the ASBUs Modules, but are required under the Regional Performance Objectives. Such activities would include the following:

- a) Search and Rescue implementation; or

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1. The meeting is invited to:
- a) Note the contents of this Working Paper; and
 - b) Agree on the Draft Decision under paragraph 2.6 of this Working Paper.

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