



**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION**  
**AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP (APIRG)**  
**AFI OPMET MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE FIFTH MEETING (AFI OPMET MTF/5)**  
*(Nairobi, Kenya, 8-10 July 2013)*

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**Agenda Item 4:**            **Review of regional guidance material on OPMET exchange b) Review of the AFI Meteorological Bulletin Exchange Handbook**

**REVIEW OF THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE AFI  
METEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN EXCHANGE (AMBEX)  
HANDBOOK**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents proposal for corrections on the current edition of the AFI meteorological bulletin exchange (AMBEX) Handbook i.e. seventh edition, amendment 2-July 2011

**1. Introduction**

1.1            The meeting will recall that the terms of reference of this task force include regular update of guidance material related to OPMET exchange.

1.2            The group may recall that SADISOPSG in its 17<sup>th</sup> meeting formulated conclusion 17/30 which called for replacement of ISCS by WIFS in SADIS related documentation. The Task Force is invited to review the current version of the AFI meteorological bulletin exchange (AMBEX) Handbook i.e. seventh edition, amendment 2-July 2011 given in Appendix A to this paper.

1.3            The meeting is informed that the outcome of the 12<sup>th</sup> Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/12, Montreal, 19-30 November 2012) considered a proposal presented by the ICAO Secretariat to align the areas of applicability of the *Regional Air Navigation Plans* (ANPs) with those of the *Regional Supplementary Procedures* (SUPPs) (AN-Conf/12-WP/24 refers). Currently, the areas of applicability of the SUPPs do not coincide with those of the ANPs. The Recommendation 6/11 “Alignment of air navigation plans and regional supplementary procedures” was agreed by the AN-Conf/12 and ICAO was tasked to develop and circulate the corresponding proposals for amendments to the ANPs which would be submitted to the Council for approval.

**2. Discussion**

2.1            Some corrections were undertaken on the Hand Book during the last meeting of the Group (MTF/4). Further review, in view of SADISOPSG Conclusion 17/30 are suggested. The meeting will recall that Decision 4/08 of the MTF/4 meeting called for the establishment of a Core Team to review the AMBEX Scheme and report to MTF/6 meeting.

2.2            In this regard, the Core Team may present a progress report to inform the meeting on their work

2.3            As outlined in the appendix of the proposal presented to the AN-Conf/12 (AN-Conf/12-WP/24 refers), the transfer of the current requirements for air navigation services and facilities of FIRs Alger (DAAA), Casablanca(GMMM),Tunis(DTTC) and Canaris (GCCC) from the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) ANP (Doc 7474) to

the European (EUR) ANP (Doc 7754) was proposed. In this regard, and to ensure all necessary updates, the Task Force may wish to formulate the following Decision:

**Decision MTF/5xxx**

That,

The Task Force update the AMBEX Handbook taking into account the transfer of FIRs Alger (DAAA), Casablanca(GMMM),Tunis(DTTC) and Canaris (GCCC) from the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) ANP(Doc 7474) to the European (EUR) ANP (Doc 7754) was proposed.

**3. Action by the MTF**

**3.1 The MTF is invited to:**

- a) note the information in this paper;
- b) review the progress report and provide advice to the Core Team for the finalization of the review of the AMBEX.