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**Third Meeting of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF/3)
(Virtual Meeting, 05 November 2020)**

**Agenda Item 2: Review of the implementation of the APIRG/22 & RASG-AFI/5
recommendations on ARC-TF**

Conclusions/Decisions of the APIRG/22nd meeting with linkage to the ARC-TF

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This paper presents the outcome of the APIRG/22 & RASG AFI/5 meetings with linkage to ARC-TF subjects Action by the meeting is in paragraph 3
REFERENCE(S): ▪ Report of the APIRG 22 & RASG AFI 5 meetings
Related ICAO Strategic Objective (s): A Safety, B Capacity & Efficiency Related ASBU KPIs & B0 Modules: all KPIs applicable to related AIM, CNS and MET

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Twenty-second Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Group (APIRG/22) was held in conjunction with the Fifth Meeting of the AFI Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG - AFI/5) at the Movempick Ambassador Hotel in Accra, Ghana, from 29 July to 2 August 2019.

1.2 The meetings were attended by 217 participants from AFI States, Regional / International Organizations and Industry;

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Under its Agenda Item 1 (Global developments), the APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/5 meeting requested the APIRG/RASG-AFI Task Force (ARC-TF) to conduct an in-depth analysis and develop proposals for the structural changes and timelines for the implementation of the integrated approach in the AFI Region, together with the consequential amendments to the Procedural Handbooks. The following decision was formulated:

APIRG/22 & RASG-AFI/5 Decision 1/01: *Transition to an integrated approach to PIRGs and RASGs*

That the APIRG / RASG-AFI Task Force (ARC-TF):

- a) conduct an analysis of the PIRGs/RASGs enhancement strategy addressing organizational challenges, infrastructure, operational risks and performance measurement, and propose the structural changes required for its implementation in the AFI Region; and*
- b) present the results to an Extraordinary Meeting of APIRG and RASG-AFI to be convened during the first quarter of 2020.*

Regarding representation in and composition of the ARC-TF, the meeting endorsed a proposal prepared by the Secretariat regarding the membership of the ARC-TF which includes representatives from APIRG, RASG-AFI, AFCAC and Industry. The following decision was formulated:

APIRG/22 & RASG-AFI/5 Decision 1/05: Membership of the ARC-TF

That the membership of the ARC-TF should include representatives from the following stakeholders:

- *APIRG;*
- *RASG-AFI¹;*
- *AFCAC; and*
- *Industry, represented by AIRBUS*

Note: Other representatives from the industry may elect to attend on their own capacities

2.2 The meeting also reviewed the allocation of tasks and the areas of common interest between APIRG and RASG-AFI as presented by the Secretariat, and agreed to the following decision:

APIRG/22 & RASG-AFI/5 Decision 1/06: Allocation of tasks and coordination between APIRG and RASG-AFI

That, the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) be requested to:

- a) Review and assess the allocations of activities between APIRG and RASG-AFI;*
- b) Formulate recommendations as necessary in order to ensure harmonization and avoid duplication of efforts, in accordance with the terms of reference of the two regional groups; and*
- c) Determine the specific aspects of the identified common activities to be coordinated between the two groups, and make proposals as necessary*

2.3 In line with RASG-AFI/3, Decision 3/15 on the establishment of a Joint Coordination Task Force as a subsidiary body of APIRG and RASG-AFI, intended to strengthen and adequately address the requirements for coordination between the two Groups, the Group decided to nominate representatives to serve in the Task Force,

RASG-AFI/5 Decision 5/06: Composition of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force(ARC-TF)

That:

In consideration of the needs of all stakeholders, representation in, and composition of, the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) shall be as follows:

Chairperson: *Col. Dokisime Gnama Latta
(First Vice-Chairperson of RASG-AFI),
Director General, Togo CAA*

Members: *Champions and Co-Champions of the Safety Support Teams
(Ghana/South Africa, Senegal/Uganda, Ethiopia/Cabo Verde,
Kenya/ASECNA), AIRBUS representing Industry*

¹ *The RASG-AFI will be represented by the States championing the Safety Support Teams lead by the First Vice-Chairperson of the Group.*

2.4 The APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/5 second joint session reviewed the Outcome of the Second Meeting of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF/2). In addition, the Task Force reviewed the common areas between APIRG and RASG-AFI, the PIRGs/RASGs Enhancement Strategy and APIRG/22 and RASG-AFI/5 assignments to the ARC Task Force.

2.5 The meeting discussed the elements that would have an impact on the terms of reference and the handbooks of the APIRG and RASG-AFI. It was recognized that the Task Force needed more time to analyze the impact of the identified elements and other provisions and agreed to the timelines for the development of proposals to be presented to the two groups, together with the structural changes to be implemented.

2.6 The Task Force was then requested to present an initial set of proposals to the APIRG Projects Coordination Committee (APCC) and the RASG-AFI Steering Committee (RASC) by mid-September 2019. Thereafter, an Extraordinary Meeting could be considered during the first quarter 2020 to consider and adopt the structural changes to be implemented in order to ensure AFI Regional Groups' compliance with the PIRGs/RASGs Enhancement Strategy.

2.7 The status of implementation of these Conclusions and/or Decisions is presented in **Appendix A** to this working paper. They may recall that due to some circumstances, including the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of actions were not completed and/or initiated. The meeting is invited to review the status of implementation of the conclusions/decisions and take required actions to allow proper reporting to the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information given above; and
- b) Take required actions to allow proper reporting to the APIRG/23 and RASG-AFI/6

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