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DRAFT TEXT FOR THE REPORT
ON
AGENDA ITEM 37

The attached material on Agenda Item 37 is submitted for consideration by the Technical Commission.

Agenda Item 37: Progress on Implementation of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan)

37.1 The Commission reviewed A38-WP/67, presented by the Council, which provided a progress report on the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan), including details on the achievements reached in its implementation under the lead of the ICAO Regional Offices in Senegal, Dakar, Kenya and Nairobi. Support was expressed for the paper and, recognizing that more efforts were needed to address significant safety concerns (SSCs) and safety-related deficiencies in the AFI Region, the Commission encouraged ICAO and aviation safety partners to provide assistance to African States in overcoming such deficiencies. The paper also outlined the requirements needed for the continuation and expansion of the AFI Plan in the next triennium, based on the decisions and targets adopted during the Ministerial Conference on Aviation Safety held in Abuja, Nigeria in July 2012 and later endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of States of the African Union in January 2013.

37.2 It was recalled that during an earlier discussion under Agenda Item 35: Air Navigation — Implementation Support (WP/247), the Commission had asked States in the AFI Region to provide personnel resources and/or financial support, as a matter of urgency, to expedite the establishment of the Flight Procedures Programme (FPP) Office with full operational capability. In this regard, the Commission agreed to incorporate this into the draft resolution presented in A38-WP/67.

37.3 The Commission reviewed A38-WP/353, presented by Niger, that highlighted the establishment of the Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO) in April 2013. The goal of AATO was to ensure high quality and standardized aviation training in Africa by promoting cooperation among its members and encouraging the sharing of expertise. There was broad support for WP/353 and the Commission congratulated the African States for this unique initiative that would benefit aviation safety professionals in the region. It was noted that the AFI Plan would continue supporting AATO, including through guidance on outlining a plan to address current training needs in Africa.

37.4 The Commission noted that A38-WP/213, presented by the Members of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), had been presented under Agenda Item 27: Aviation Safety — Policy.

37.5 When reviewing A38-WP/214, presented by Ethiopia on behalf of AFCAC, on the AFI Cooperative Inspectorate Scheme (AFI-CIS), the Commission noted the progress, challenges, assistance provided and benefits of AFI-CIS which was intended to create a pool of African safety inspectors. The Commission recognized the sharing of expertise provided by AFCAC through the management and implementation of inspector schemes and endorsed ICAO's commitment to continue the AFI-CIS. While the Commission noted that inspectors had been mobilized to the AFI-CIS by certain States, all stakeholders were called on to support this scheme by providing resources for training of CIS inspectors and for future missions conducted under the AFI-CIS.

37.6 In light of the discussion, the Commission agreed to submit, for adoption by the Plenary, the following resolution:

Resolution 37/1: Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa

Whereas ICAO continues to play its leadership role to reduce serious deficiencies in the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Region which are detrimental to the functioning and further development of international civil aviation;

Noting that actions taken by ICAO under the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (the AFI Plan) have begun to demonstrate positive progress in enhancing aviation safety in the continent;

Noting with satisfaction the significant progress made by African States in improving their level of safety oversight;

Recognizing that success in fully achieving the objectives of the AFI Plan mainly depends on the efforts made by the African States themselves;

Recognizing that many Contracting States in the AFI Region, despite the efforts they make, would, in the immediate future, require continued technical and/or financial support from ICAO and other stakeholders to comply with the requirements of the Chicago Convention and its Annexes;

Recognizing that many African States cannot, on their own, support an effective and sustainable national safety oversight system and therefore have to be urged and supported to establish regional safety oversight organizations (RSOOs);

Recalling Recommendation 4/5 of the Special Africa-Indian Ocean Regional Air Navigation Meeting (SP AFI/08 RAN) on the establishment of regional accident investigation agencies (RAIAs) alongside the development and establishment of RSOOs, thus enabling States to meet their international obligations in the area of accident investigation by collaborating and sharing resources;

Noting that ICAO is supporting many African States to establish RSOOs and RAIAs;

Noting the Abuja Declaration on Aviation Safety in Africa adopted during the Ministerial Conference on Aviation Safety held in Abuja in July 2012;

Noting the aviation safety targets adopted during the Ministerial Conference on Aviation Safety held in Abuja, Nigeria in July 2012 and endorsed by the Assembly of the African Union in January 2013;

Noting the ICAO Plans of Action developed for some Contracting States will serve as a platform to provide, in coordination with other stakeholders, direct assistance in resolving their significant safety concerns (SSCs) as well as other major safety deficiencies;

Noting that regional organizations initiated or established in the AFI Region will continue to require ICAO support for the near future and until they are solidly established and self-supporting;

Recognizing the benefit of continuing to coordinate, under the ICAO umbrella, activities of all stakeholders providing assistance to States in the AFI Region;

Recognizing that ICAO will require additional resources to successfully carry out the support it provides to States in the AFI Region; and

Noting that strong regional offices would be a positive catalyst for the enhancement of aviation safety in the AFI Region;

The Assembly:

1. Welcomes the considerable effort made by African States and regional organizations to enhance aviation safety;

2. *Urges* Contracting States of the AFI Region that accepted ICAO Plans of Action, to commit to achieving the objectives set forth in the Plans, through the resolution of major safety-related deficiencies, including the SSCs;
 3. *Urges* Contracting States of the AFI Region to commit to and accelerate the establishment of RSOOs and RAIAs, where required, and strengthen cooperation across the region in order to make the optimum use of available resources;
 4. *Urges* Contracting States of the AFI Region to refrain from duplication of services in joining more than one RSOO;
 5. *Urges* Contracting States of the AFI Region to implement the recommendations of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) and the Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI) meetings;
 6. *Urges* States, industry and donors to support the implementation of priority activities identified by APIRG and RASG-AFI;
 7. *Urges* States, industry and donors to make contributions in cash and kind towards the implementation of the AFI Plan and instructs the Council to recognize all such contributions;
 8. *Urges* African States, ICAO and AFCAC to jointly address identified safety deficiencies;
 9. *Instructs* the Council to monitor the achievement of the aviation safety targets established by the Ministerial Conference on Aviation Safety held in Abuja in July 2012;
 10. *Instructs* the Council to ensure the continued leadership role of ICAO in coordinating activities, initiatives and implementation strategies aimed specifically at implementing priority projects to achieve sustainable improvement of flight safety in the AFI Region and to allocate resources to the relevant regional offices accordingly;
 11. *Instructs* the Council to monitor and measure the status of implementation in the AFI Region throughout the triennium and to report to the next ordinary session of the Assembly on the progress made;
 12. *Urges* Contracting States of the AFI Region to support the establishment of the AFI Flight Procedure Programme (FPP) Office with seconded personnel and financial assistance as a matter of urgency to expedite the implementation of PBN in the region; and
 13. *Declares* that this resolution supersedes Resolution A37-7.
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