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Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group
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Agenda Item 5: The APIRG Annual Air Navigation Report

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper provides an update on the development of the APIRG Air Navigation Report. It discusses the challenges encountered since APIRG/23 and ways of improving effectiveness of APIRG Air Navigation Reporting.

Action by the Meeting is contained in Paragraph 3.

Reference(s):

- ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP, Doc 9750)
- AFI Air Navigation Plan (Doc 7474)
- APIRG/23 Report

Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A, B, C and E

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 APIRG/23 recalled the need to develop and publish the APIRG Annual Air Navigation Report by the Annual Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) based on available information, and invited States and Organizations wishing to provide their contributions to submit them to the Secretariat by 31 December 2020.
- 1.2 The Annual Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) is comprised of members from States, ANSPs and International Organizations, supported by the Chairperson and Vice-chair person of APIRG and the ICAO Secretariat. The team was encouraged to endeavor to develop and release the first Report by 31 March 2021.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The challenges experienced in 2020/2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, affected many activities at including activities related to the development and release of the AFI annual Air Navigation Report. Indeed, the effects the pandemic affected among others the collection of accurate and timely data required to complete the drafting of the AFI Air Navigation Report and convening of meetings to consolidate the information. The urgency for States/ANSPs to restart operations from the impact of the pandemic shifted the focus to activities related to enhance recovery.

- 2.2 The secretariat received limited contributions from States /ANSPs and Organizations despite the advocacy and campaign to secure data and information on several initiatives undertaken. In addition, several activities (TAG, AIAG, etc) slowed down due to the pandemic and other challenges associated with ensuring confidentiality of data shared using virtual tools for meetings reduced the enthusiasm to convene the important events.
- 2.3 In order to operationalize the AANRT, it is good to note that RASG AFI Safety Reporting Team (ASRT) have developed work programme that has been effective in producing the annual safety report, the AANRT can borrow from this methodology to activate the process of producing the first edition of the ANR.
- 2.4 It is also important to note that there are common areas between RASG AFI and APIRG that need to be coordinated, consolidated and reported. In line with the above, these common areas should be identified and methodology for coordination and data sharing between the two groups developed.
- 2.5 Following, there is a need to establish a common framework for the development of the two reports using same timelines and mechanism than the one established by the RASG-AFI for the collection and consolidation of the data that can ensure timely release of the two annual reports.
- 2.6 States and Organizations are encouraged to support the work of the AANRT by providing to the secretariat information on the implementation of the ANP activities when it occurs throughout the year, as well as providing the required resources as necessary to enable collection of the data, preparation and production of the report.
- 2.7 Finally, recalling APIRG/23 Conclusion 23/39, States and Organizations are encouraged to nominate Focal Points for the AANRT when required for the production of the report.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in the WP; and
- b) Encourage States, ANSPs and International Organizations to support the activities of the Annual Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) through the provision of the required information.
- c) Urge the AANRT to consider developing and publishing the report as soon as possible as the situation normalizes.