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AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP SEVENTEENTH MEETING (APIRG/17) (Burkina Faso, 2 to 6 August 2010)

Agenda Item 4: AFI Regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Agenda Item 4.1: Review and update of the list of deficiencies in the air navigation field - Aerodrome Operational Planning

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the summary of the discussions held at the AOP/SG/8 meeting regarding deficiencies in the AOP field.

Action by APIRG/17 is contained in paragraph 5.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 APIRG has been regularly reviewing the status of implementation of the AFI Air Navigation Plan through its subsidiary bodies including the AOP/SG. The result of this review is reported to the ICAO Council and notified to States and user organizations concerned. Since APIRG/15, even though a number of follow-up actions have been taken by ICAO Regional Offices to pursue the matter with the States concerned and, as a result, some of the outstanding deficiencies have been resolved; many deficiencies have remained. The list of deficiencies have been compiled by the Regional Office and updated with additional information collected during informal regional meetings, mission of regional officers to States including during safety oversight audits and also from various sources including user organizations after validation in accordance with the decision of the Air Navigation Commission

2. The ALLPIRG/5 Conclusion 5/15 called for implementation of “*last resort action*” when efforts to eliminate deficiencies prove unsuccessful after exhausting all alternatives. The last resort action consists of two parts:

- a) propose the inclusion of an alternate facility/procedure in the ANP; and,
- b) if this is not feasible, States, users and ICAO should be provided with an analysis concerning the risk associated with such a deficiency.

3. The issue of deficiencies in the AOP field was discussed extensively during the AOP/SG/8. The meeting was apprised of the persistent difficulties encountered by the Secretariat in obtaining from States current information on deficiencies and actions taken to remove them reported by users and corrective actions considered were underscored. On its part, IATA reported that it regularly organizes Technical Missions through which its team of experts

maintains direct contact with the authorities and service providers where discussion with the authorities on practical timelines for remedial action and where necessary follow up missions are agreed.

4. After extensive deliberation, the meeting was of the view that the methodology used to compile the list of deficiencies is not efficient. Neither is the methodology adopted for the validation of the deficiencies reported by the users bearing in mind that States do not respond to enquiries sent to them. The list of deficiencies therefore, cannot at any one time be considered as accurate and recommended that the methodology be reviewed by the Secretariat and reported at next AOP/SG meeting. The meeting formulated a draft conclusion to this effect (as discussed in Agenda Item 3, WP 5))

Draft Conclusion 8/05: Review of Methodology for compiling list of deficiencies

That ICAO should develop a more efficient methodology for compiling, validation and tracking of deficiencies at international airports that would ensure the list of deficiencies is reasonably up to date at all times.

5. **Action by the APIRG/17 Meeting**

5.1 The APIRG/17 meeting is invited to take note of the discussions of the AOP/SG on this matter and to recommend the draft conclusions for adoption by Council for future action..