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SEVENTH MEETING OF THE APIRG/RASG-AFI COORDINATION TASK FORCE (ARC-TF/7)

Virtual Meeting, 17 October 2024

Agenda Item 6: Coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reporting.

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>This Working Paper reports on the presentation of APIRG/26 and RASG-AFI/9 report to ANC and the ICAO Council, as well as information on the Coordination of the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) and the APIRG Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) activities.</p> <p>Action by the Meeting is at paragraph 3 of this paper.</p>	
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	This Working Paper relates to the Strategic Objective of ICAO on Aviation Safety and Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency .

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) was established as a contributory body to APIRG and RASG-AFI responsible for coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI on routine basis.

2. DISCUSSION

APIRG/26 and RASG-AFI/9 report to ANC and the ICAO Council

2.1 The presentation of the outcome of the APIRG and RASG-AFI meetings is an important step in the reporting process that culminates with submission of same to the ICAO Council for consideration.

2.2 The APIRG/26 & RASG-AFI/9 meetings report was presented to the ANC Working Group of the Whole for Strategic Review and Planning (SRP) by Ms. Paule Assoumou Koki, Director General, Cameroon CAA and Chairperson of APIRG; and Mr. Sidi Gueye, Director General, Senegal CAA and Vice-Chairperson of RASG-AFI, on 15 February 2024.

2.3 The report outlined outcomes from APIRG/26 and RASG-AFI/9 sessions including key recommendations to ICAO related to space launch activities, enhancement of USOAP CMA activities in AFI, flexible management of SSCs based on assessment of operational and safety impacts, support in capacity building on emerging threats such as cyber security resilience, support in civil/military cooperation through training, ...

Coordination of the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) and the APIRG Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) activities in developing the Annual safety and Air Navigation reports.

- 2.4 The Tenth Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report was produced during the Tenth meeting of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT), hosted by IATA in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 6 to 10 May 2024; and was officially published at the 9th Edition of the AFI Aviation Week Events held in Libreville, Gabon.
- 2.5 The report made some recommendations, which include the need to devise a mechanism for addressing the SSCs related to ANS, demonstrate strong commitment in resolving ANS-related SSCs, prioritize the development of the National Aviation Safety Plans (NASPs), establish a mechanism for monitoring the effectiveness of the established Runway Safety Teams (RSTs), accelerate the rate of implementation of the various projects identified for the region (i.e., FSO, SSP, etc.), and align the Abuja Safety and Air Navigation Targets with the regional plans.
- 2.6 The APIRG Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) developed the First Edition of the Annual Air Navigation report. The report was published on 31st December 2023 and disseminated to all eligible stakeholders. The report was officially presented at the 9th Edition of the AFI Aviation Week Events held in Libreville, Gabon. The report highlights regional implementation initiatives from States and industry as well as some outstanding challenges. Some say forward were also recommended to support implementation activities in air navigation in the AFI Region.
- 2.7 The second Edition of the Annual Air Navigation report is being developed by the AANRT and will focus on ASBU implementation as well as initiatives and projects carried out by States and industry in modernizing and improving air navigation services and facilities in the region. The Second Edition is expected to be published by 31 December 2024, although contributions from Stakeholders namely States, ANSPs, Airspace Users are still low.
- 2.8 So far, close coordination between the AANRT and ASRT for timely development and issuance of the Annual Reports have not been achieved, as called for by the ARC-TF/4 meeting. This was mainly due to inadequate data for the timely and synchronized publication of both reports.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to,
- a) Note the information provided in this Paper;
 - b) Recognize the APIRG and RASG-AFI Chairpersons and Secretaries for the successful coordination of the APIRG and RASG-AFI reporting to ANC and ICAO Council; and
 - c) Encourage the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) and the APIRG Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) to coordinate their activities, develop a common work programme, and present draft reports to the ARC-TF for consideration.