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Communications, Navigation and Surveillance Sub-Group
Fourth Meeting (CNS/SG/4)

(Dakar, Senegal, 25-29 July 2011)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

Agenda Item 8: Aeronautical Radio Frequency Spectrum issues

Review of the report of the Second meeting of the AFI Frequency Management Group

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This working paper presents draft Terms of Reference and Workprogramme for the Rapporteur of AFI Frequency Management Group (AFI/FMG/2)
Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.
References : Reports on APIRG/16 & 17 Meetings Report on the first meeting of the AFI Frequency Management Group Report on the second meeting of the AFI Frequency Management Group <i>Note: AFI References can be downloaded from www.icao.int/wacaf.</i>
Related ICAO Strategic Objective A: <i>Safety</i> and C: <i>Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport</i> .

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Sixteenth meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/16) in Rubavu, Rwanda, 19-23 November 2007 under conclusion 16/32, established the AFI Frequency Management Group.

1.2 The third meeting of the APIRG Communication, Navigation and Surveillance Sub Group (CNS/SG/3 Nairobi, Kenya, 26-30 April 2010) developed the Terms of Reference Composition and Work programme of AFI/FMG which was endorsed by the APIRG/17 meeting (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 02-06 August 2010).

1.3 The first meeting of the AFI/FMG held in ICAO WACAF regional Office (Dakar, Senegal, 1, 2 October 2010) took Decision 1/1 that reads as follow:

That

Considering, the lack of participation of African States in ACP-WG-F meetings, and considering the representation of ASECNA, APIRG should consider the Group's nomination of ASECNA as its Rapporteur.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Second Meeting of the AFI Frequency Management Group held in Dakar from 18 to 19 April 2011 reviewed the status of implementation of the conclusions and decision of its first session. The meeting noted that the Group was experiencing a lack of coordination to properly tackle its mandate. The Group noted in



particular a low rate of participation of AFI FMG members including the Rapporteur of the Group to the regional and international main meeting (ATU, ACP WG F, CPM meetings). The meeting agreed that this situation was not suitable for the promotion of AFI civil aviation policy in the field of frequency spectrum management.

2.2 Taking into consideration these hurdles experienced in the management of the Group during the past years, the meeting reviewed the tasks that should be assigned to the Rapporteur and recognized the necessity to develop guidelines for the Group Rapporteur's duties and responsibilities. It also urged Administrations/Organizations discharging the function of AFI FMG Rapporteur to secure the necessary resources to ensure that the designated officer is available to participate in all activities of relevance to his/her mandate.

Conclusion 2/02 here referred to reads as follows:

Conclusion 2/02: Terms of reference of the Group Rapporteur

That,

Considering the critical role of the Group Rapporteur in regional coordination activities:

- a) **The Secretariat should develop the terms of reference for the Rapporteur of the AFI Frequency Management Group for consideration by the next meeting of the APIRG Communications, Navigation and Surveillance Sub-group (CNS/SG); and.**
- b) **The Administration/Organization discharging the function of AFI FMG Rapporteur should secure the necessary resources to ensure that the designated Officer is available to participate in all activities of relevance**

2.3 Based on this, the Secretariat has developed a Draft Terms of Reference of the Rapporteur of AFI Frequency Management as attached in **Appendix** to this working paper

3. ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE MEETING

The meeting is invited to:

- a) - Take note of the above information.
- b) - Comment, amend as necessary and adopt the Draft Terms of reference of the Rapporteur of the Draft AFI Frequency Management Group



APPENDIX

Draft Terms of Reference for the Rapporteur of the AFI Frequency Management Group (AFI FMG)

A. Terms of Reference

The Rapporteur of the AFI Frequency Management Group (AFI/FMG) nominated among the members of the Group is tasked to coordinate the activities of the Group. He develops his activities in the frame of the Action Plan driven from the outcomes of the meetings of the Group in particular through:

1. The follow up of the implementation of AFI/FMG Conclusion and Decisions that need coordinated activities on frequency spectrum management within AFI region;
2. The promotion of AFI Civil Aviation position to the AFI institutions involved in frequency spectrum management (African Telecommunication Union (ATU); African Broadcasting Union-ABU, Regional Direction of International Telecommunication Union (ITU)...)
3. The Report to the ICAO Aeronautical Communication Panel bodies (AC Panel and AC Working Group F) on the current developing activities on frequency spectrum management in AFI Region;
4. The coordination with the similar Rapporteur on frequency management Group nominated in the neighboring ICAO regions
5. The provision to the report to APIRG/CNSG of the status of implementation of APIRGB Conclusions and Decisions pertaining to AFI/FMG activities.
6. Any other activities that could enhance the development of the optimum usage and ensure the protection of Aeronautical Frequency Spectrum.

B. General List of actions

In the short and near term the main activities of the Rapporteur of AFI Frequency management Group can be listed as follow:

1. Ensure the complete collection of COM List
2. Ensure the follow up of the usage of the frequency planning software with feedback from AFI FMG Members
3. Participate to the analysis of the results of the surveys by users (ANSPs forecast on HF, IATA survey on VHF Coverage, Interferences mitigation issues...);

C. Participation to meetings dealing with Aeronautical Frequency Spectrum

To develop efficiently his assigned tasks, the Rapporteur of AFI Frequency Management Group should be provided with the adequate resources aiming to ensuring his participation to the mayor events that could be of interest of the Group mandate. In the other hand the Rapporteur should endeavor to ensure a relevant yearly planning of his activities allowing him to attend these meetings;;

The following meetings are activities with great relevance to AFI/FMG:

- a) African Telecommunication Union Meeting for the preparation of WRC 12;
- b) ACP Working Group F meetings
- c) CPM meetings
- d) WRC meeting
- e) Regional Seminar/Workshops on frequency spectrum mangement