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First Meeting of the AFI SAR Services Intregation Task Force (ASSI TF/I)

(Dakar, Senegal, 19-20 September 2011)

Agenda Item 7: Review of Terms of Reference (TOR) of the ASSI Task Force and Work Programme

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ASSI TASK FORCE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the Terms of Reference and work programme of the ASSI Task Force as established by the APIRG 17 meeting, for review and amendment as necessary. It also introduces the issue of the tentative dates and venue for the next ASSI TF meeting.

Action by the meeting is at **paragraph 3.**

REFERENCES

– APIRG 17 Report

This Working Paper is related to Strategic Objectives: **A**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The APIRG 17 meeting, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso 2-6 August 2010 agreed on the establishment of the ASSI Task Force, and accordingly formulated the following Conclusion:

DECISION 17/67: AFI SAR SERVICES INTEGRATION TASK FORCE (ASSI/TF)

That, in order to progress the initiatives taken at the Port Elizabeth Consultative Conference of October 2007 on integration of SAR services and similar other initiatives in the AFI Region, and to support the implementation of SAR provisions, the AFI SAR Services Integration Task Force (ASSI TF) is established with the terms of reference at Appendix 3.4L to this report.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Since this is the first meeting of the Task Force since establishment by the APIRG 17 meeting, the meeting may wish to review the terms of reference (TOR) as adopted by APIRG 17. Furthermore, in light of the latest developments in the implementation of SAR provisions and associated fields, as well as discussions under various agenda items, the meeting may wish to consider revision of the TOR at **Appendix A** to this working paper, in order to reflect more accurately the work programme that needs to be carried by the Task Force.

2.2 As part of its work programme, the ASSI Task Force may wish to identify the dates, venue and tentative agenda for its next meeting.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information in this working paper;
- b) review and if necessary adjust the terms of reference and work programme at **Appendix A** to this working paper.

ATTACHMENT A

AFI SAR SERVICES INTEGRATION TASK FORCE (ASSI TF) TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMPOSITION

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The ASSI Task Force is established to support the development of the concept of sub-regional search and rescue (SAR) arrangements and cooperation between neighboring States; provide a forum for discussions and identifying solutions to impediments in the effective provision of SAR services in the Region; and developing regional guidance to meeting ICAO provisions in the field of SAR.

2. WORK PROGRAMME

As part of its work programme, the ASSI Task Force will:

- a) Periodically review and update Regional performance objectives with regard to SAR;
- b) Identify and coordinate task related to establishment and functions of subregional SAR organizations;
- c) Develop Regional strategies and guidance to support establishment of joint aviation/maritime rescue coordination centres;
- d) Review SAR deficiencies identified within the AFI region, taking into consideration existing capacity and other constraints being experienced by States and SAR organizations, and propose solutions;
- e) Support the cooperation between ICAO and IMO in their continuing collaboration with African States to implement sub-regional, joint RCCs at strategic locations on the African continent.

3. REPORTING

The ASSI Task Force shall meet at least once a year and report to the ATM/AIM/SAR Sub-Group.

4. COMPOSITION:

The ASSI Task will comprise:

- a) experts nominated by AFI States from both civil aviation entities, SAR organizations and ANSPs;
- b) Interested International and Sub-Regional Organizations;
Note: The meeting accepted with appreciation the (starting) membership of Kenya, Seychelles and Uganda.
- c) Expertise on SAR from States outside the AFI Region and from other entities may be invited by the Task Force based on the contribution that may be provided by such expertise.