

Appendix A

MINIMUM DEFICIENCIES REPORTING LIST



International Civil Aviation Organization
Western and Central African Office

Third Meeting of the AFI Search and Rescue Services Integration Task Force (ASSI TF/3) (Yaoundé, Cameroon, 30-31 July 2013)

Agenda Item 6: Review/update of the deficiencies in Search and Rescue

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents the status of deficiencies in the SAR field in the AFI Region, for review and update by the meeting.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3</p>
REFERENCES
<p>SP AFI/8 RAN Report APIRG Reports ASSI TF Reports</p>
<p>This Working Paper is related to Strategic Objectives: A</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting may wish to recall that the definition of a “deficiency” as approved by the ICAO Council is as follows:

“a deficiency is a situation where a facility, service or procedure does not comply with a regional air navigation plan approved by the Council, or with related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices, and which situation has a negative impact on the safety, regularity and/or efficiency of international civil aviation”.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may recall that APIRG/17, through Conclusion 17/99 and Conclusion 17/100, called for the establishment of a comprehensive list of all air navigation deficiencies consistent with the ICAO definition of deficiency as approved by the Council, and the

development of a web-based AFI Air Navigation Deficiencies Data Base (AANDD) in order to facilitate the updating of the deficiency database by the Regional offices, and to foster the elimination of deficiencies in the AFI Region, in addition to enabling AFI States and International Organizations to contribute directly to the Deficiency database on a continuous basis. To support this process, the meeting considered and amended a list of SAR deficiencies to be used as a guide to minimum reporting.

2.2 APIRG/18, during its deliberations, recalled that due to lack of effective reporting, amongst others, the AFI list of air navigation deficiencies lacked the information which the Group required to identify impediments to implementation and to effectively address deficiencies in the AFI Region. The Group further acknowledged the critical importance of deficiencies reporting, and agreed that effective measures have to be taken to address the matter.

2.3 APIRG/18 further recalled that several Planning and Implementation Regional Groups had developed, established and are maintaining their respective regional air navigation deficiency databases to support the implementation of the uniform methodology is reporting and addressing deficiencies identified. Based on information collected so far, it was noted that most States had similar deficiencies in the field of SAR, especially with regard to lack of SAR legislation, lack of SAR agreements, lack of ELT carriage legislation and lack of SAR exercises.

2.4 The meeting may recall that the first meeting of the ASSI Task Force, agreed for a survey to be conducted by the ESAF and WACAF ICAO Regional Offices in order to collect updated information on the status of implementation of SAR provisions in the within AFI States. This was done through a questionnaire on SAR, which was forwarded to all AFI States for completion and return to the two Regional Offices. The questionnaire was also forwarded to States in preparation for the second and third meeting of the Task Force, albeit with little success in terms of responses.

2.5 The meeting may wish to review the list of SAR deficiencies at **Appendix A** to this working paper, being conscious of the need to have a balance between over-reporting and no reporting, with the aim of identifying the most critical deficiencies that need to be resolved urgently.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING:

The meeting is invited to:

- a) review and amend the proposed list of SAR deficiencies for reporting at **Appendix A** to this working paper; and
- b) provide updates to the SAR questionnaire at **Appendix B** to this working paper.
