



## INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

### SECOND MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION (RASG-AFI/2)

(Dakar, Senegal, 1-2 November 2013)

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#### Agenda Item 2: Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

#### ELECTION OF THE BUREAU MEMBERS – CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFI REGION

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

SUMMARY
<p>The recent changes in the various RASG-AFI Member States have affected some of the elected Officials of the RASG-AFI Bureau and consequently election of a new Bureau comprising the Chairperson and three Vice Chairpersons is required. This paper aims to guide the process of electing the new Bureau members consisting of the Chairperson, First and Second Vice Chairpersons, all of whom must be designated Representatives of RASG-AFI Member States and a Third Vice-Chairperson, as Industry Representative.</p>
<p><b>REFERENCE(S):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final Report of the First Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa-Indian Ocean (RASG-AFI/1)</li><li>• RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook</li></ul>
<p><b>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</b> This working paper is related to the Safety Strategic Objective of ICAO.</p>



## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During the First meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI region (RASG-AFI/1) held in Kampala, Uganda, 26-27 March 2012, the meeting reviewed and subsequently approved the Organizational Structure and the Terms of Reference (TORs) of the Group. Furthermore, a RASG-AFI Chairperson and three (3) Vice Chairpersons were elected in line with the approved Organizational structure.

1.2 It was further agreed that the RASG-AFI shall be administered as follows:

- a) By a Chairperson elected from the Representatives designated by **Member States** of the Group, a First and Second Vice-Chairpersons also elected from Member States and a third Vice-Chairperson designated from the Industry; and

b) By the ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Directors, who will alternately serve as Secretary of the RASG-AFI and APIRG to balance the Secretariat responsibilities between these two regional groups. In the execution of his duties the Secretary will be supported by appropriate Experts from the two Regional Offices and ICAO HQ, as required.

## **2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 It would be recalled that the First RASG-AFI meeting unanimously elected Dr. Harold Demuren, the then Director General of the Nigerian CAA as the Chairperson of the Group. The meeting also elected South Africa CAA and Mr. Aboubekrine Seddigh, Director General of Mauritania CAA as First and Second Vice Chairpersons respectively whilst IATA was elected as Third Vice Chairperson and Industry Representative. Due to unforeseen circumstances, some personnel changes have occurred in some of the Member States thus affecting some of the elected Officials and hence the need for a new Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons to be elected. The meeting is also informed that in view of the need to pursue activities of the Group and following consultations, Mr. Aboubekrine was appointed Acting Chairperson, pending election of the Bureau at this meeting.

2.2 As contained in the approved RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook, unless otherwise determined by special circumstances, the Chairperson, and Vice-Chairpersons of the Group should assume their functions at the end of the meeting at which they are elected and serve for a term of two (2) years.

2.3 Similarly, as approved in the Procedural Handbook, Representatives of RASG-AFI Member States shall assume their duties and responsibilities of ensuring the normal conduct of business of the Group. These Members should regularly attend all meetings of the Group with the aim of maintaining continuity in the work of the Group during intervals between meetings.

2.4 In accordance with the approved Terms of Reference (TORs), the Chairperson of the RASG-AFI should, inter-alia:

- a) chair the RASG-AFI meetings;
- b) keep focus on high priority items;
- c) ensure agenda items meet objectives to improve safety;
- d) provide leadership for ongoing projects and accomplishments;
- e) promote consensus among the Group members;
- f) coordinate RASG-AFI activities closely with the Secretariat; and
- g) promote RASG-AFI and lobby for contributors

## **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The Meeting is invited to elect new Bureau members as required.

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