



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

THIRD MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP FOR AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION (RASG-AFI/3)

Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire (03 – 04 December 2015)

Agenda Item 7: Coordination between Africa and Indian Ocean Planning & Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) and the Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI).

APIRG/RASG-AFI COORDINATION TASK FORCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents the proposal for the establishment of a Joint Coordination Task Force to be responsible of coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI, as recommended by the first meeting of the Steering Committee of RASG-AFI, and provides the draft Terms of reference for such a Task Force.</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S): Final Report of the First Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa and the Indian Ocean (RASC/1).</p>
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): This working paper is related to the Safety Strategic Objective of ICAO.</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Steering Committee of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa and the Indian Ocean (RASC) at its first Meeting convened at the ICAO Regional Office for Western and Central Africa (WACAF) in Dakar, Senegal, from 19 to 20 March, 2015 recommended the formation of a Joint Task Force responsible for coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI. The Joint Task Force is intended to strengthen existing arrangements and adequately address the requirements for coordination between APIRG and RASG-AFI on a routine basis.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 To achieve close coordination of the efforts of APIRG and RASG-AFI through continuing consultation and for an efficient exchange of information between the two Groups, the proposed Joint Task Force, according to the draft TOR Appended to this WP is to:

- facilitate consistency, efficiency, lack of duplication and conflict between the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI;
- Ensure mutual exchange of information on the Conclusions and Decisions reached at the Groups' Meetings, or any other activities undertaken by the Groups in line with the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP); and

- Identify any challenges faced by the Groups in achieving their set objectives and targets, alert the Groups and their Secretariats to these challenges, conflicts and / or inefficiencies with proposed strategies to address them, for the endorsement of the Groups.

2.2 Proposed Membership/Composition of the Joint Coordination Task Force:

- 2 Representatives of APIRG;
- 2 Representatives of RASG-AFI;
- 1 Representative of AFCAC

2.3 Roles and Responsibilities:

- ICAO Regional Offices to serve as Secretariat
- APIRG/RASG-AFI Joint coordination Task Force Members – provide technical expertise in identifying the challenges, analyzing them, and providing guidance and recommendations for overcoming such challenges in order to meet the set targets and improve aviation safety within the AFI Region, in line with the GASP and GANP.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review the content of this paper;
- b) examine the draft TOR for the proposed APIRG/RASG AFI Joint Coordination Task Force and
- c) consider and approve the establishment of a Joint APIRG/ RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force based on the TOR.

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