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Ninth Meeting of the Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group of the Africa - Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AAO/SG9)

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Agenda Item 01: Adoption of the Agenda and the work programme and Election of the Bureau

Election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This working paper outlines the procedural requirements and governance framework for the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group (AAO/SG). It is submitted for consideration by the Meeting to ensure continuity in the leadership of the Subgroup.
REFERENCE(S): AASPG/1 Report AASPG Procedural Handbook
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): ➤ Every Flight Is Safe and Secure ➤ Aviation Delivers Seamless, Accessible, and Reliable Mobility for All ➤ No Country Left Behind

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The AASPG Procedural Handbook (Part IV) establishes the Rules of Procedure governing the organization, conduct, and administration of meetings of AASPG contributory bodies, including Sub-Groups and Project Teams.

1.2 In accordance with these provisions, members of the AASPG contributory bodies are required to act in the collective interest of the AFI Region, taking into account that participation may not include all Contracting States within the region. Members are therefore expected to uphold principles of regional cooperation, neutrality, and technical objectivity in the execution of their functions

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting would like to acknowledge the leadership that the current Chairperson and

Vice Chairperson have provided in steering the AAO/SG.

2.2 The AASPG Procedural Handbook (*Part IV, paragraphs 4.6.1 to 4.6.3*) establishes the eligibility criteria, responsibilities, and governance principles applicable to elected officials within contributory bodies.

2.3 To promote balanced geographical representation and equitable participation across the AFI region, the election process shall ensure that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are drawn from different sub-regions. This principle equally applies to the composition of Project Teams and other contributory structures, thereby reinforcing inclusivity and regional ownership.

2.4 In accordance with established procedures, the tenure of elected officials shall be determined by the Sub-Group, subject to a maximum duration of two consecutive meetings or three calendar years, whichever is longer.

2.5 To further enhance participation and rotation of leadership among Member States, officials may be re-elected only on a non-consecutive basis, thereby ensuring broader opportunities for States to contribute to governance and oversight functions within AASPG structures.

2.6 The current bureau has served for two consecutive terms. The current chairman is therefore not eligible for re-election. However, the vice chairman may be re-elected but not as vice chairman.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information provided in this paper; and
- b) Proceed with the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group (AAO/SG), in accordance with the provisions of the AASPG Procedural Handbook.
