AFI VOLCANIC ASH EXERCISE STEERING COMMITTEE

(AFI VOLCEX SG)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Objective of the AFI VOLCEX /SG:

1.1. Improve preparedness to respond to volcanic eruptions and volcanic ash clouds by the relevant service providers (ATS, AIS, ATFM, MET, AGA) and airspace users in the AFI Region through organizing regular volcanic ash exercises in order to validate and continually improve the regional volcanic ash contingency plans and procedures.

2. Tasks:

1.1. Coordinate with all participants in the volcanic ash exercises (ACCs, airlines, VAACs, MWOs, ATMC) the schedule for the exercises and their scenarios; ensuring that the exercises cover all parts of the AFI Regions that could be affected by volcanic ash.

1.2. Keep under review the regional volcanic exercise procedures and make improvements based on the lessons learnt. (Regional volcanic ash Exercise Procedures to be posted on the ESAF and WACAF websites)

1.3. Organize in parallel with the volcanic ash exercises awareness events, seminars and presentations, in order to enhance the awareness of the participants regarding the hazardous effects of volcanic ash and the established contingency measures.

1.4. Based on the outcome of the volcanic ash exercises, propose (to APIRG AAO/SG and IIM/SG) improvements to the regional contingency plans, as well as, to the National and Regional operational procedures.

1.5. Report periodically on the results of its activities to the APIRG AAO/SG and IIM/SG.

3. Composition of AFI VOLCEX SG

3.1. The AFI VOLCEX SG is composed of the following:

Stakeholders	**Responsibility**
APIRG IIM MET Project 2 Coordinator, Senegal	Rapporteur
Cape Verde	Co-Rapporteur
VAAC Toulouse	Co-Rapporteur
Cameroon Volcano Observatory	Supporting
Comoros Volcano Observatory	Supporting
Democratic Republic of Congo	Co-Rapporteur
RODB Dakar	Support for messages exchanges
RODB Pretoria	Support for messages exchange
Chairman, AFI ATM Contingency Plan Team	Supporting
Secretariat	Assistance and facilitation