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Agenda Item 3.7 The Annual AFI Air Navigation Report

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This working paper provides an update on the development of the Air Navigation Report. It discusses the challenges encountered since APIRG/25 and final conclusion of the development of the Report. **Action by the meeting is contained in Paragraph 3.**
Reference(s): • ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP, Doc 9750) • AFI Air Navigation Plan (Doc 7474) • APIRG Reports
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A, B, C and E

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Annual Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) is comprised of members from States, ANSPs and International Organizations, supported by the Chairperson and Vice-chairperson of APIRG and the ICAO Secretariat.

1.2 APIRG/25 noted that the development of the first AFI Air Navigation Report was well advanced despite limited contributions from States and Organizations. The AANRT was encouraged to complete the process and release the Report by 31 March 2023.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Challenges experienced in 2020 - 2022 continued to be realized in 2023 with lack of data from stakeholders. However, as noted by APIRG/25 the draft was at an advanced stage although with limited information. In 2023 some States and ANSPs provided further information that could be used to complement the information earlier provided. This enabled the completion of the draft of the report.

2.2 In the process of formatting and aligning the information received a number of challenges were encountered. These included but not limited:

i. Most of the data provided were inform of tables or PDF that was not easy to be transferred into the report and had to be added as attachments.
ii. The data provided was in many cases very detailed and required to be summarized to fit the report.
iii. The collection of data from the source was lengthy, requiring a lot of follow-up and persuasion.

2.3 Also noted was the need to have an expert to help with the production of the report. The expectation of using the members of the AARNT to carry out this task should be reviewed to take in consideration the expertise and time required for the production of the report.

2.4 The final draft has been completed for the consideration before its release. The draft is attached as Appendix xx to this WP.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

a) Note the information contained in the WP; and

b) Consider the request of engaging an expert for the production of the future reports,

c) Review the Draft ANR and provide the way forward including for the development of next Edition.