INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Second Meeting of the AFI Aviation System Planning and implementation Group (AASPG/2)
Livingstone, Zambia, from 2 to 6 November 2026

Agenda item 4: Implementation of safety and air navigation goals, targets and indicators, including priorities set in the Regional Aviation Safety and Air Navigation Plans

4.8: Annual Safety and Air Navigation Report

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents the status of the AASPG Annual Safety and Air Navigation Report. It also proposes a revised governance arrangement, streamlined structure and reporting cycle to support the timely development and publication of the annual report. Action by the Meeting is at **Paragraph 3 of this Paper**	
Strategic Goals:	*A. Every Flight is Safe and Secure* *B. Aviation is Environmentally Sustainable* *C. Aviation Delivers Seamless, Accessible, and Reliable Mobility for All* *D. No Country is Left Behind* *F. The Economic Development of Air Transport Assures the Delivery of Economic Prosperity and Societal Well-Being for All*

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Africa–Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and implementation Group (AASPG) was established by the extraordinary meeting of the APIRG and RASG-AFI held in July 2024. Its establishment was intended to improve the performance of APIRG and RASG-AFI, optimize the use of limited resources (human, financial, time, etc.) and strengthen coordination and harmonization in the planning, implementation, operation, and oversight of civil aviation activities in the region.

1.2. AASPG/1 through Decision 1/32 endorsed the first edition of the AASPG annual safety and air navigation report and tasked the Secretariat to coordinate the establishment of an AASPG annual Reporting Team (AART).

2. DISCUSSION

Development and publication of AAR1

2.1. The Secretariat assumed primary responsibility for coordinating the development of the first edition of the AASPG Annual Safety and Air Navigation report (AAR1) as the AART was yet to be established.

2.2. AAR1 covers the years 2024 and 2025 was released in October 2026. The elapsed time between the reporting period and publication reduces the timeliness of the information and limits the report's value as a current regional performance and planning tool.

2.3. The delay was mainly due to incomplete or late data submissions, limited contributions from States and insufficient continuity in the reporting team, including the inactivity of some members.

2.4. To improve the timeliness, relevance and sustainability of future editions, the following actions are proposed to improve AASPG/1 Decision 1/32:

a) *Revise the editorial arrangements*: assign the ICAO Secretariat responsibility for leading and coordinating the editorial process, supported by designated focal points from States, the aviation industry and other relevant stakeholders;
b) *Streamline the report*: adopt a simplified report structure focused on a defined set of core indicators, trends and regional priorities, supported by clearly identified data sources; and
c) *Establish a fixed reporting cycle***:** define the reporting period, data cut-off date, validation process and publication deadline for each edition. As a transitional arrangement, the 2027 edition will consolidate 2026 data and the latest available 2027 information, subject to a clearly stated data cut-off date.

Proposed structure and content of the report

2.5. To improve efficiency in the development and enhance the quality of the report, the length and structure of the report should be streamlined. The revised format is expected to apply from the 2027 edition.

2.6. The high-level structure and content of the report would include the following:

a) Executive Summary;
b) Introduction;
c) Regional Aviation Safety Performance;
d) Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency; and
e) Other Regional Initiatives.

2.7. The template on the structure and content of the report is provided as an Appendix to this paper.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to

a) note the information presented in this working paper and the status of the First Edition of the AASPG Annual Safety and Air Navigation Report;
b) endorse the proposed editorial arrangements and reporting approach described in paragraph 2.4;
c) Endorse the proposed structure and content of the report as presented in the Appendix;
d) request the Secretariat to define and communicate the data cut-off, validation process and publication timetable for the Second Edition 2027 and subsequent annual reporting cycles; and
e) Provide any further guidance as appropriate.

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<tr><td colspan="6">Draft AASPG/2 Conclusion 2/XX: AASPG Annual Safety and Air Navigation Report</td></tr>
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<tr><td>What:</td><td colspan="5">a) The proposed structure and content of the Report are endorsed;
b) The Secretariat leads and coordinates the preparation of the report, with relevant data and information from States, other aviation stakeholders and partners; and
c) The Secretariat establishes an annual reporting calendar specifying the reporting period, data cut-off date, validation process and publication deadline, including the transitional arrangements for the Second Edition .</td></tr>
<tr><td>Who:</td><td colspan="5">a) AASPG/2
b) AASPG Secretariat, States, Aviation Industry, other stakeholders; and
c) AASPG Secretariat</td></tr>
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b) In accordance with the approved annual reporting calendar; and
c) 2027 edition published by Q4 2027</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="6">Implementation follow-up</td></tr>
<tr><td>Follow-up required</td><td>Yes ☒
No ☐</td><td>Metrics</td><td>Metric 1: Revised Annual Safety and Air Navigation report structure and content endorsed by AASPG/2.

Metric 2: The annual reporting calendar, including data cut-off and publication dates, is established and communicated

Metric 3: The 2027 edition is published within the approved timeframe</td><td>Means to collect data</td><td>Secretariat progress reports to PRCC and AASPG;
Published AASPG Annual Safety and Air Navigation Report.</td></tr>
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APPENDIX – Structure and content of the AASPG Annual Safety and Air Navigation Report