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 (ATM/AIM/SAR SG/13)
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**Agenda Item 2: Follow-up on the SP AFI RAN Recommendations and APIRG
 Conclusions and Decisions relevant to ATM, AIM and SAR fields**

**FOLLOW-UP ON THE SP AFI RAN RECOMMENDATIONS AND APIRG
 CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS RELEVANT TO ATM, AIM AND SAR FIELDS**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the SP AFI RAN Recommendations, and Conclusions and Decisions formulated within the frameworks of APIRG, for review, follow up action, and update as necessary.

Action by the meeting is at **paragraph 3**.

REFERENCES

- SP AFI RAN Report
- APIRG/18 Report
- PBN/GNSS TF/3 Report

This Working Paper is related to Strategic Objectives: **A & C**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting will recall that the SP AFI RAN meeting in 2008 adopted 18 Recommendations as indicated at **Appendix A** to this working paper, related to the work of the ATM/AIM/SAR Sub-Group.

1.2 The meeting will further recall that the APIRG/18 meeting in Kampala, Uganda, 27-30 March 2012 adopted 64 Conclusions and Decisions, of which 21 are applicable to the work of the ATM/AIM/SAR Sub-Group.

1.3 It will be recalled that the Air Navigation Commission, noting the high number of Conclusions from the APIRG/17 meeting, had recommended a review and consolidation of APIRG Conclusions, as it was identified that many Conclusions lacked implementation assertiveness.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting will recall that APIRG and its subsidiary bodies had developed a systematic follow up action plan to avoid oversight and duplication of Conclusions, Decisions and Recommendations, in order to meet the requirements of performance monitoring in accordance with the ICAO Business Plan.

2.2 Conclusions and Decisions within the framework of APIRG that are relevant to the work of the Sub-Group including Draft Decisions and Conclusions emanating from the Third PBN/GNSS Task Force meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya, August 2012 have been reflected in the Appendices to this working paper: **Appendix B** (APIRG/18 Decisions and Conclusions) and **Appendix C** (PBN/GNSS TF/3 Decision and Conclusion) for consideration by the meeting.

2.3 The meeting noted that many States are yet to provide responses to ICAO with regard to the status of implementation of the SP AFI RAN Recommendations and APIRG Conclusions, and many Conclusions are yet to be implemented, due to the nature of their medium to long term implementation requirement.

2.4 The APIRG/18 Meeting had acknowledged that the number of Conclusions and Decisions had become cumbersome to manage effectively and that a strategy was required to be developed for their streamlining. The APIRG/18 meeting had agreed that the Sub-Groups should review all APIRG Conclusions and Decisions **since APIRG/13 meeting**, with the objective of identifying and merging Conclusions and Decisions with similar characteristics, and accordingly formulated the following Decision:

DECISION 18/01: REVIEW AND UPDATE OF APIRG CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

That APIRG Sub-Groups:

- a) *review all APIRG Conclusions and Decisions from APIRG/13 to APIRG/17 and identify those which are no longer valid;*
- b) *adopt a system of reviewing the validity of Conclusions and Decisions every two successive APIRG meetings; and*
- c) *transfer Conclusions and Decisions which have reached maturity and still relevant to appropriate guides, handbooks and manuals for the AFI Region.*

2.5 The meeting may wish to acknowledge that the high number of Conclusions poses a challenge with regard to implementation prioritization and follow up. In view of the above, the meeting is invited to consider the review of each of the Conclusions and Decisions together with the agenda item to which it applies, in order to identify those which:

- a) have been implemented or become obsolete due to developments;
- b) have matured to be included in the work programme of APIRG and its subsidiary bodies, as well as the terms of reference or APIRG Handbook;

- c) are adequately covered by other specific provisions of ICAO including SARPs, Assembly Resolutions and Regional requirements, to be deleted or reformulated to complement such other ICAO provisions; and
- d) have since become redundant.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review the Recommendations, Conclusions and Decisions at **Appendix A**, **Appendix B** and **Appendix C** to this working paper and ensure follow-up action thereon; and
- b) take necessary action as indicated in paragraph 2.5 of this working paper.
