

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
**Fourth Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group
(AAO/SG4), Virtual Meeting, 16 to 18 August 2021**
Agenda Item 3: Aerodrome Operations Project

**TITLE OF PAPER: Assistance in the Establishment of effective
runway safety programmes including runway safety teams.**

(Presented by Runway Safety Project Team)

SUMMARY
This working paper (WP) provides Status of development of the Runway Safety project for the Assistance in the Establishment of effective runway safety programmes including runway safety teams.
REFERENCE(S): Annex 14 Volume 1, DOC 9981; PANS AERODROMES, DOC 4444; PANS ATM
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A-Safety, B-Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency, and E- Environmental Protection

1. INTRODUCTION

One of the outcomes of the ICAO Global Runway Safety Symposium held in Montreal, Canada, in May 2011 was establishment and promotion of Runway Safety Teams (RST) as an effective means to reduce runway related accidents and serious incidents at Airports. The ICAO Runway Safety (RS) Go-Team is aimed at provide assistance from ICAO and RSP partner organisations for the implementation of effective RSTs to improve runway safety. The RS Go-Team is a voluntary multi-disciplinary assistance to airport performed by an ad-hoc group of experts from ICAO and RSP partner organisations; it is not an ICAO audit, validation, inspection nor certification.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting will recall APIRG/23 Decision 23/10: Implementation of Aerodrome Operations Projects and ASBU Modules.

That;

In order to foster the implementation of the projects

- a) *Projects teams composition be revised*
- b) *Project teams be tasked to coordinate the development/or revision of project documents and implementation strategies in collaboration with the secretariat before end of 2020*
- c) *The project teams report quarterly on the progress made in the implementation of the projects to the AO-SG*
- d) *The secretariat circulate a follow up State letter to concerned states and organizations, requesting the formal nomination of project teams members and reminding them to provide adequate support to the project teams activities.*

2.2 The Runway Safety Project Team was constituted and is composed of members from States, CASSOA, ACI, IATA. The Runway safety project document has developed a project document including Strategies and milestones that need to be attained to ensure that all international Aerodromes in AFI have operational Runway Safety TEAMS. So far out of the 132 International Aerodromes only 38 have operational Runway Safety Teams.

2.3 The project therefore has considered way and means of reaching out to States by supporting the in Establishment of Runway Safety Teams. The project document approach proposes use of hybrid method including both virtual and physical meetings with International Airports.

2.4 The draft Project document is included to this paper as Appendix A

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information in the paper
- b) Urge states and international organisation to support the project
- c) Urge states to ensure that their international airports have operational RST and where necessary seek on establishment of runway safety teams from the project teams.