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From 29 to 30 August 2022

Agenda Item 3: Overview of the status of implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions of RASG-AFI/7

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides an overview of the status of implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions of the Seventh Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for Africa-Indian Ocean (RASG-AFI/7).

REFERENCE(S):

Report of RASG-AFI/7 Meeting.

Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): This working paper is related to the ICAO Strategic Objective on SAFETY.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Review of progress in implementation of the RASG-AFI Conclusions and Decisions from previous meetings is undertaken periodically by the Secretariat as part of the monitoring process on outcomes of the RASG-AFI meetings. In this regard, an overview of the status of implementation of RASG-AFI/7 Conclusions and Decisions is presented in Table 1 and as an Appendix to this paper.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1 The RASG-AFI/7 meeting adopted 13 Conclusions and 4 Decisions, and **Table-1** below depicts the summary of implementation as at 29 August 2022, the details are provided in **Appendix-A** to this paper.

Table-1

RASG-AFI/7 Conclusions	RASG-AFI/7 Decisions	Status of Implementation
		August, 2022
2	1	Outstanding
10	1	In progress
1	2	Accomplished
Total = 13	4	

2.3 In accordance with the Group's terms of reference, the activities of the RASG-AFI are mainly undertaken under the framework of the four Safety Support Teams (SSTs): Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs), Fundamentals of Safety Oversight (FSO), Investigation of Aircraft Accidents and Serious Incidents (AIG), and Emerging Safety Issues (ESI). The SSTs have been restructured for better alignment with the current Edition of the GASP, and to promote better safety performance and attainment of the regional targets in a sustainable manner. The new structure will be presented to this meeting in a different paper.

2.4 It is important to note that for activities that are continuous, the status of implementation is reflected as 'In-Progress'. Notwithstanding, the levels of implementation are provided accordingly.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the status of implementation of the RASG-AFI/7 Conclusions and Decisions as at 29 August 2022; and
- b) Request the Secretariat to:
 - 1) Engage the concerned States and other stakeholders to make efforts towards expeditious implementation of the pending Conclusions and Decisions; and
 - 2) Continue to track, monitor and facilitate action items and report status to the next meeting of the RASG-AFI.

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RASG-AFI/7 Decision 7/01	Election of the Chairperson, the First Vice-chairperson, the Second Vice-chairperson and the Third Vice-chairperson of RASG-AFI.	That, in order to guide the activities of the RASG-AFI, the following were elected as to the various positions of the Group as follows: Mr. Latta Dokisime Gnama , Chairperson, Director General CAA Togo. Mr. Silas Udahemuka , First Vice-Chairperson Director General CAA Rwanda. Mr. Iswarduth Pokhun , Second Vice-Chairperson Director General CAA Mauritius. Mr. Kawai Blessing, (IATA) Third Vice-Chairperson Assistant Director Safety & Flight Operations - Safety Focus, Africa & Middle East – RSFO.	RASG-AFI Plenary	New RASG-AFI Bureau elected, to serve for the next two years.		05/11/2021	Not Applicable	Accomplished
RASG-AFI/7 Decision 7/05	Restructuring of the RASG-AFI Contributory Bodies (SSTs)	That, in order to better align the functions of RASG –AFI SSTs to the Global Aviation Safety Plan Goals and Targets (2020-2022 Edition of the GASP), thereby facilitating performance measurement	RASG-AFI/7 Plenary; RASG-AFI Secretariat.	The functions of the RASG –AFI SSTs better aligned to the Global Aviation Safety Plan Goals and Targets; The RASG-AFI				In-progress.

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		<p>with respect to implementation of the Plan Goals:</p> <p>a) the proposed restructuring of SSTs and the associated Terms of Reference (ToRs), as presented in Appendix 4C is approved;</p> <p>b) the Secretariat to conclude the establishment and assignment of tasks for the development and subsequent implementation of the AFI Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AFI-RASP); involving States, industry and other stakeholders; and</p> <p>c) The RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook to be revised to reflect the restructuring accordingly.</p>		Procedural Handbook amended to incorporate the revised ToRs of SSTs.				<p>a) Accomplished</p> <p>b) Proposals for the composition of the membership of SSTs and their assigned tasks under review.</p> <p>c) Revision of the RASG-AFI Procedural Handbook to reflect the restructuring is on-going.</p>
RASG-AFI/7 Decision 7/06	Review and endorsement of the RASG-AFI Work Programme for 2022	That, the Group endorsed the Work Programme and activities for 2022 of RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies as provided in Appendix 4E to this Report.	RASG-AFI Plenary.	Approved Work Programme and activities for 2022 of RASG-AFI and its Contributory Bodies.		05/11/2021		Accomplished

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RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/02	Review of the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF)	That, in order to effectively utilize the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) for enhancing human resource capacity in the region, the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) to conclude the review of the terms of reference of the HRDF and share the outcome with all stakeholders by 31 December 2021.	AFCAC ICAO	The terms of reference of the HRDF reviewed and shared with all stakeholders.		31/12/2021		Accomplished. ToRs of the HRDF successfully reviewed. 33rd AFCAC Plenary resolved to adopt the HRDF Task Force recommendations for utilization of the HRD Fund to sponsor training courses aimed at qualifying aviation professionals in areas of needs of States, establishment of Internship and Mentorship Programmes for National Inspectors/ Aviation Professionals and establishment of Fellowship Programmes for African aviation students.

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								<p>According to the current HRDF ToR, the final decision with respect to the use of HRDF voluntary funds and the selection of capacity-building activities and projects rests with the Secretary General of ICAO.</p> <p>Further to the endorsement of the draft revised terms of reference of HRDF by AFCAC Plenary, consequential amendments to Appendix B of the ICAO-AFCAC Implementation Arrangements (IA) signed on 5 December 2014.</p> <p>The next steps include</p>

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								<p>submission of the recommendations of the HRDF TF to the Secretary General of ICAO, through the HRDF Management Committee.</p> <p>ICAORD WACAF acting Secretary of the Management Committee will coordinate the next steps with the AFCAC Secretary General.</p>
RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/04	Resolution of the Significant Safety Concern (SSC) in Eritrea	<p>That, in order to resolve the outstanding SSC in Eritrea by 30 June 2022,</p> <p>a) The ICAO ESAF Office is urged to work with Eritrea to resolve the existing SSC through mitigation measures by suspending or revoking AOCs issued to any Air Operator in the State or restrict them to domestic operations only;</p>	ICAO ESAF Office; Eritrea; ICAO HQ; Aviation Partners.			30/06/2022		<p>In-progress</p> <p>A Combined High and technical mission was conducted to Eritrea in July 2022. The outcome of the mission resulted in Eritrea requesting that the SSC be mitigated as the</p>

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		<p>b) ICAO and partners are urged to support the appropriation of funding from either SAFE, AFI Plan, or other financial partners for the efficient implementation of the AFI Plan projects, particularly the resolution of the SSC or prevention of new ones; and</p> <p>c) The State of Eritrea is urged to solicit or accept assistance to enhance the efforts to resolve the existing SSC and any other identified safety issues; and to stimulate a positive safety culture, including the sharing and exchange of safety data and information, especially through the USOAP CMA OLF and State Letters, as well as with AFCAC.</p>						AOC was revoked. The process is ongoing to have the SSC removed.

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RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/06	Restructuring of the RASG-AFI Contributory Bodies (SSTs)	That, in order to align the functions of RASG-AFI SSTs to the Global Aviation Safety Plan Goals and Targets (2020-2022 Edition of the GASP), thereby facilitating performance measurement with respect to implementation of the Plan Goals, Stakeholders (States, AFCAC, RSOOs, Airlines, Airports operators, ANSPs, ...) to actively participate in the functions and activities of the SSTs, especially in terms of providing required resources.	RASG-AFI SSTs; RASG-AFI States; AFCAC; RSOOs; Airlines; Airports operators; ANSPs.	Aviation stakeholders participate actively in the activities of the SSTs.				In-progress. Stakeholders to be invited to a familiarization Workshop on the SSTs and their functions, as well as the development of AFI-RASP.
RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/07	Revision of the Abuja Safety Targets	That, in order to ensure consistency between the GASP and the Abuja Safety Targets, AFCAC, in collaboration with ICAO and other key stakeholders, to revise the Abuja Safety Targets by 31 March 2022 and ensure their harmony with the goals, targets and indicators specified in the current edition of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP).	AFCAC; RASC; ICAO Regional Offices (ESAF/ WACAF).	The Abuja Safety Targets revised and harmonized with the goals, targets and indicators specified in the current edition of the Global Aviation Safety Plan.		31/03/2022		In-progress. The Abuja Safety Targets revised and harmonised with the goals, targets and indicators specified in the current edition of the Global Aviation Safety Plan. ANS Targets to be further

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								reviewed to align with GANP by 4 th quarter 2022.
RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/09	Development of remote safety oversight mechanism	<p>That, in order to explore alternative methods to ensure continuous compliance with regulatory requirements:</p> <p>a) States to establish a formal mechanism for the conduct of effective and efficient remote safety oversight activities and consequently, amend their Inspector’s Handbooks to include related procedures and processes;</p>	RASG-AFI States; RSOOs.	Formal mechanism for the conduct of effective and efficient remote safety oversight activities established by States; and appropriate training provided to relevant CAA and industry personnel.				<p>In-Progress</p> <p>a) The Guidance Material describing processes and procedures has been developed to enable CAAs implement the guideline and to review the Inspectors Handbooks and Inspectors Surveillance and Audit Manuals (ISAM) incorporating remote surveillance</p>

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		<p>b) States to ensure that appropriate training is provided to relevant CAA and industry personnel involved in remote safety oversight activities; and</p> <p>c) States to seek assistance/guidance from the Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs), other States and Organizations, in this endeavour.</p>						<p>and auditing procedures.</p> <p>b) Training of stakeholders on the remote auditing and surveillance is planned for year 2023;</p> <p>c) The States have been in collaboration and cooperation with RSOOs in developing documentation, procedures and processes aimed at instituting remote auditing (CASSOA doc CAA-O-039 as attached).</p>
RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/10	RASG-AFI Projects and Critical Activities	That, for the effective and efficient implementation of the	RASG-AFI States; Aviation Partners;	The SSC in Eritrea resolved.		30/06/2022		In-progress

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		<p>RASG-AFI activities, projects and critical activities:</p> <p>a) States are encouraged to promote and enhance the sharing and exchange of safety data and information; and</p> <p>b) Partners are encouraged to maintain, and to the extent possible, increase support and assistance for the implementation of RASG-AFI projects and activities, with priority on the resolution of the SSC in Eritrea.</p>	Eritrea.					<p>a) Low level of sharing and exchange of safety data and information amongst States.</p> <p>b) AFI Plan SC/25 called for the support to the continuation of the AFI Plan activities beyond 2024 until 2030 as part of the work programme of the ICAO Regional Offices (these include, projects such as SSC, FSO, AIG, SSP, etc.).</p>
RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/11	AFI Plan State Safety	That, to assist States establish, implement and maintain effective State Safety	AFI Plan; AFCAC; RSOOs; RAIOS;	Effective SSPs implemented by		31/12/2025		In-progress

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	Programme (SSP) Project	<p>Programmes (SSPs), AFI Plan, in collaboration with ICAO, States and other relevant partners, including AFCAC, RSOOs, RAIOS, international organizations and Industry to provide assistance, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) promoting the effective implementation of the provisions contained in Annex 19 – Safety Management; b) supporting States to conduct SSP Gap Analysis and to define and implement SSP implementation plans; and c) supporting States to complete and update PQ self-assessment, including SSP related PQs, and CAPs as appropriate, with special emphasis on SSP foundation PQs. 	International Organizations; and Industry.	the RASG-AFI States.				<p>Under the revised AFI-Plan SSP project activities, the Regional Offices are coordinating with eligible States to designate SSP Focal Points and release of State Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to assist in the SSP project implementation activities. Currently, as reported by RASG -AFI States on iSTARs, 22.9% of States have not started the GAP analysis, 40% of States have started or completed the GAP Analysis; 35,4% of States have defined the SSP implementation</p>

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								Plan; and 2% has fully implemented the SSP.
RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/12	ICAO integrated Safety Trend Analysis and Reporting System (iSTARS)	That, to provide States with reliable safety data and information, ICAO should update and validate the information and tools on the iSTARS applications.	ICAO	Reliable safety information and tools available on the iSTARS applications.				In-progress Improvement of the iSTARS to ensure data is updated is ongoing at the ICAO HQ.
RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/13	Certification of International Aerodromes	That, States and their aerodrome operators to expedite the certification of the aerodromes used for international operations.	RASG-AFI States; Aerodrome Operators.	All International Aerodromes certified.				In Progress Certification of International Aerodromes currently being supported by AFI Plan Aerodrome certification Project. Some 3 new States that have made progress in oversight systems incorporated in the AFI Plan

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								<p>assistance programme.</p> <p>To date, 44.4% of aerodromes in the ESAF Region are certified.</p> <p>Status in the WACAF region from December 2021 to date: Yaoundé Intl airport was recently certified (June 2022). The percentage of certified aerodromes in the WACAF Region is 27.8%.</p>
RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/14	Release of USOAP-CMA Protocol Questionnaire – 2020 Edition.	That, in order to address the evolution of the USOAP CMA towards the continuing assessment of the effectiveness and sustainability of States' safety oversight systems, States to review and update their information on the	RASG-AFI States.	Information on the USOAP-CMA online framework (OLF) updated by RASG-AFI States.				<p>In-Progress</p> <p>States scheduled for a USOAP CMA Activity are reviewing and updating their information on the USOAP-CMA</p>

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		USOAP-CMA online framework (OLF).						online framework (OLF). Otherwise, most of the States are not active on the OLF.
RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/15	Establishment of a Regional CAPSCA Management and Operationalization of the Centre for Aviation Medicine.	<p>That, in order to foster the implementation and compliance with the aeromedical standards and related guidance material:</p> <p>a) States and RSOOs are encouraged to strategize and develop programmes aimed at capacity and capability building in the field of aviation medicine, including aviation medical assessors and designated medical examiners to meet the fitness to fly and air traffic management operations demands; and</p>	RASG-AFI States; RSOOs;	<p>Programmes aimed at capacity and capability building in the field of aviation medicine developed by the RASG-AFI States;</p> <p>The EAC CASSOA Center for Aviation Medicine (CAM) being used by the RASG-AFI States.</p>				<p>In-Progress</p> <p>a) CASSOA continuously organizes and conducts Technical support missions at major international airports, Organizes training programs for airport Stakeholders and aviation personnel and the development</p>

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		<p>b) States and stakeholders are encouraged to use the EAC CASSOA Center for Aviation Medicine (CAM) for the medical assessments of aviation personnel, assistance in aviation medicine matter and training in UPRT for pilots.</p>						<p>and regular review of Operational Guidelines for the management of Air Passengers and Aviation Personnel in line with ICAO guidelines on Public Health and CAPSCA framework;</p> <p>b) The infrastructure and facilitation of Centre for Aviation Medicine (CAM) has been completed. The operationalization of the Centre in Nairobi is</p>

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								expected to be completed by December 2022.
RASG-AFI/7 Conclusion 7/16	Building Back Better from the COVID-19 Pandemic	<p>That, in order to ensure pursuance of the outcomes of HLCC 2021:</p> <p>a) States are urged to show commitment to the implementation of the HLCC 2021 Ministerial Declaration; and</p> <p>b) States and other stakeholders continue to contribute resources, including financial and in-kind, to ensure effective implementation of the NCLB Initiative, including utilization of innovative means, especially under crises situations such as COVID-19.</p>	RASG-AFI States					Open

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