

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Fifth Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group
(AAO/SG5), Virtual Meeting, 23 to 26 August 2022**Agenda Item 1: AFI Air Navigation Plan****UPDATING THE AFI AIR NAVIGATION PLAN VOL I AND II AND DEVELOPMENT ON VOL.III***(Presented by Secretariat)***SUMMARY**

This working paper presents the requirement for updating the AFI eANP Vol I and Vol II and the need for undertaking the requirement for development of Vol.III of the AFI e ANP.

Action by the meeting is in paragraph 3.

REFERENCE(S):

- 6th Edition GANP
- APIRG Procedural Handbook
- AFI eANP Vol I and Vol II

Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):

This Working Paper relates to Strategic Objectives: A & B

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Bridge between the global provisions in the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) is presented by regional Air Navigation Plans (ANPs) implementation.

1.2 The accuracy and currency of the data as reflected in the Air Navigation plan is a clear indication of the effectiveness of the framework for planning and implementation in the respective Regions.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The ANPs support the performance-based approach to planning adopted by ICAO to measure the efforts made by States in implementing the agreed requirements

2.2 The ICAO Assembly resolved that regional plan should be revised when it becomes apparent that they are no longer consistent with current and foreseen requirements of international civil aviation. The amendment should occur when the nature of a required change permits; the associated amendment of the regional plan to be undertaken by correspondence between the Organization and the States and international organizations concerned.

2.3 The ANP Volume I contains stable plan elements whose amendment necessitates approval by the Council such as the assignment of responsibilities to States for the provision of aerodrome and air navigation facilities and services in accordance with Article 28 of the

Convention on International Civil Aviation (Doc 7300). The current to medium term mandatory regional requirements related to aerodrome and air navigation facilities and services are to be implemented by States in accordance with regional air navigation agreements and requirements specific to the region that are not covered in the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS).

2.4 The material to be included in Volume I should minimize the requirement for frequent amendment. These include Flight Information Regions (FIR) boundaries (Table and Charts); Search and Rescue Regions (SRR) boundaries (Table and Charts); Volcanic Ash Advisory Centres (VAAC); Tropical Cyclone Advisory Centres (TCAC); Volcano Observatories (VO) and Availability of Services and infrastructure in States among others.

2.5 The ANP Volume II contains dynamic plan elements material related to the assignment of responsibilities to States for the provision of aerodrome and air navigation facilities and services. The current to medium term mandatory regional requirements related to aerodrome and air navigation facilities and services are to be implemented by States in accordance with regional air navigation agreements involving the relevant PIRG.

2.6 States are required to provide the status of the elements to be included in the AFI eANP Vol I and II. This Status can only be provided through a structured arrangement with specific State Focal Points working with the Secretariat thus the proposal to have specific Focal Points for specialized areas under the AAOSG.

2.7 The introduction of the 6th edition of the GANP provides for the need to have all ICAO Regions to develop and publish Volume III of their respective ANPS. This is based on the framework provided for in the 6th Edition of the GANP that aims to improve on efficiency and effectiveness of information provision for the benefit of the industry.

2.8 Due to the amount of work required to complete the review and update of the AFI eANP, it is necessary to establish a Framework under the AAO SG for the purpose of carrying out the task as specified under the procedures for the amendment of Regional ANPs. These procedures are attached to this working paper as Appendix A

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information provided in this working paper
- b) Consider the provisions of this working paper and adopt the need to use the nominated focal points for the AAO-SG areas to be members of a task force for updating the ANP under a project arrangement.
- c) Urge States that have not nominated Focal Points for coordination purposes on APIRG matters in specific areas to do so as a matter of Urgency.
