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Twenty Fifth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/25) & Eighth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region (RASG-AFI/8) – Joint sessions

7 - 11 November 2022

Agenda item 6: Recommendations on actions or enhancements that would require consideration by the ANC and Council

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents the Provisional Agenda and work programme for the 25th Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/25) and the 8th Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group for the AFI Region (RASG-AFI/8) Joint Sessions for discussion and adoption.	
The action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3.	
Strategic Objective	This working paper relates to the Strategic Objectives A, B, C and E.

1. INTRODUCTION

1. With the experience gained by hosting the APIRG and RASG AFI back-to-back, the meeting agreed that in view of the high number of common areas and subsequent coordination layers, it may be necessary to establish a small group to study the feasibility of combining APIRG and RASG-AFI into a single entity in the future, as discussed in 2019 during APIRG/22. The meeting recalled that this is case of the NAT/SPG, and the EANPG and RASG-EUR followed a similar process with the establishment of the EASPG.

2. The meeting recalled that the Council established Terms of Reference serve as a global basis for PIRG/RASG operations which may be further expanded by each PIRG/RASG, as required, to maintain the flexibility and efficiency of their work. The meeting recalled that if additional terms of reference are adopted by a PIRG/RASG it must be approved by the President of the Council and be included in the relevant PIRG/RASG Handbooks as a PIRG/RASG specific supplement.

3. The meeting was informed that the proposed small group consisting of PIRG and RASG members will work remotely under the leadership of the PIRG and RASG Secretary to study the feasibility of combining APIRG and RASG-AFI and submit their findings to the next meeting of the groups for consideration, through the APCC and RASC.

4. The Meeting agreed that should this be feasible, the soonest it can be introduced will be at APIRG/27 and RASG-AFI/10 in November/December 2024.

Draft Decision

Agenda Items	Draft Conclusion /Decision Reference	Title of Conclusion /Decision	Text
Agenda Item 6			
	DEC/XXX	RD EASF and RD WACAF to establish a small Group to study the feasibility of combining APIRG and RASG-AFI	The Secretaries of APIRG and RASG-AFI to establish a small group including the APIRG Chairperson and RASG-AFI Chairperson to study the feasibility of combining APIRG and RASG-AFI into one entity. The Group will consider all the options available and identify all the actions to be taken. The Group will present their findings to the next APIRG and RASG-AFI meetings through the APCC and the RASC, for consideration.

ACTION BY THE MEETING

To take a Decision to request the RD’s EASF and WACAF to establish a small Group to work remotely study the feasibility of combining APIRG and RASG-AFI into a single entity to be considered by the PPRC in July 2022 and if a change is proposed, to the APIRG/26 Meeting in Nov 2023 for consideration.