



**AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP
TWENTY FIRST MEETING (APIRG/21)
(Nairobi Kenya, 9 - 11 October 2017)**

Agenda Item 4: RVSM Airspace Safety

**TRANSFER OF ALGERIA FROM ARMA TO THE EUROPEAN
REGIONAL MONITORING AGENCY (EUR RMA) FOR ALL RVSM
SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MONITORING ACTIVITIES**

(Presented by ARMA)

SUMMARY
<p>This Working Paper serves to inform the meeting that the State of Algeria is in the process of being transferred and accredited to the EUR RMA for all RVSM System Performance Monitoring activities. A similar working paper will be presented to the EANPG in November 2017 by the EUR RMA.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3 in this working paper.</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S): ICAO Doc 9574 ICAO Doc 9937 EANPG Conclusion 56/31 and RMACG Reports</p>
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A B & E</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The working paper provides insight into the transfer and accreditation of the State of Algeria to EUR RMA for all RVSM System Performance Monitoring activities. The transfer of Algeria has been presented and discussed at the EANPG and the RMACG. The transfer and accreditation remains to be completed with both PIRGS being kept informed of the status and completion of the task.

1.2 ICAO Doc 9937, Operating Procedures and Practices for Regional Monitoring Agencies in Relation to the Use of a 300 m (1 000 ft) Vertical Separation Minimum Between FL 290 and FL 410 Inclusive documents that the ARMA is the responsible RMA for the Algiers FIR as well as the designated RMA for the reporting of RVSM operations approvals.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Algeria was accredited to the ARMA for RVSM performance system monitoring during the planning and implementation phase of RVSM in AFI. In or about 2014 Algeria made application to be accredited to the EUR RMA to join the States of Morocco and Tunisia. The following paragraphs briefly discuss the process.

2.2 The application for accreditation to the EUR RMA was presented to the EANPG in November 2014. The presentation was considered and resulted in:

EANPG Conclusion 56/31 – Inclusion of Algeria within the EUR RVSM region

That the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic:

- a) *coordinate an agreement with EUROCONTROL that Algeria be included in the area of responsibility of the EUR RMA; and*
- b) *invite Algeria to nominate a focal point to coordinate with the EUR RMA.*

2.3 With APIRG informed and in agreement, as part of the consultation process, the ARMA will draft a letter for perusal and signature by the ICAO RD ESAF to the ICAO RD EUR/NAT confirming the transfer and preferred timelines.

2.4 Following this consultative stage, the ICAO RD EUR/NAT will be requested to inform the Algeria DG CAA, ideally by the end of November 2017, that the consultation process has been completed and that the transfer should proceed.

2.5 Algeria will on request by EUR RMA prepare and submit all contact and communication information and confirm preparedness to transfer reporting responsibilities to EUR RMA by end of November 2017.

2.6 ARMA will submit all RVSM system performance records to EUR RMA by mid December 2017 in preparation for System performance monitoring to commence by EUR RMA 1 January 2018.

2.7 The RMACG secretariat will be requested to prepare and submit amendments to the ICAO Document 9937 and all other relevant documentation to this effect.

2.8 Algeria has been an active accredited State to ARMA and has complied with all provisions to enhance the AFI RVSM systems monitoring process. The State has diligently submitted safety data, supported and responded to ARMA queries. It is thus fitting to thank Algeria for their contribution to RVSM in AFI.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- (a) Take note of the pending transfer of the State of Algeria to EUR RMA.
- (b) Support the activities in the discussion to effectively transfer Algeria to EUR RMA.
- (c) Support the amendment of ICAO Doc 9937 to reflect the accreditation to EUR RMA .

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