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EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN OFFICE**

**TENTH MEETING OF THE AERODROME OPERATIONS PLANNING SUB-GROUP
(AOP/SG/10) (NAIROBI, KENYA, 5-7 AUGUST 2013)**

Agenda Item 2:

Review of the List of International Aerodromes in the AFI ANP

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

The AOP/SG has a Terms of Reference requiring that each meeting carry out a review of the list of international aerodromes in the Africa Indian Ocean Air Navigation Plan (AFI ANP). This list provides a basis for the activities of the other APIRG subsidiary bodies which use this list when developing the ATM, CNS & MET tables of requirements of facilities and services at international aerodromes.

In preparation for AOP/SG/10 meeting, ICAO has received information of amendments of the list from States. This paper summarises the information received.

Action by the Meeting:

The meeting is expected to review the list of international aerodromes and develop a recommendation submitting the updated list to the other APIRG subsidiary bodies in accordance with the provisions of the APIRG Handbook.

References:

AOP/SG/9 Report

Doc 7474 AFI ANP Vol.II - FASID Doc 7474 AFI ANP Vol.I – ANP

General

1. The Secretariat has noted that there are some airports listed in the ANP, which are not currently receiving and are not planning to receive in the foreseeable future regular international flights. Such airports are not therefore given priority in allocation of resources and were therefore poorly equipped. Consequently such aerodromes continue to remain with deficiencies for a long time. At the Aerodrome Operational Planning Sub-Group (AOP/SG/7) held in Dakar, Senegal from 10 to 13 July 2007, it was agreed that there was need to have a regular review of the list of international aerodromes listed in the AFI ANP. Several attempts have since then been made by the Secretariat to get States to implement this decision. In many cases States have maintained the list and made only editorial reviews mainly related to the designated names of the aerodromes.

2. Further following the outcome of the 12th Air Navigation Conference (AN CONF/12, Montreal, 19-30 November 2012) Recommendation 6/11 “Regional performance framework – alignment of air navigation plans and regional supplementary procedures”, it was agreed to align the areas of applicability of the Regional Air Navigation Plans (ANPs) with the accreditation areas of the ICAO Regional Offices. Accordingly, ICAO was tasked to develop and circulate corresponding proposals for amendments to the ANPs which would be submitted to the ICAO Council for approval. The alignment of the areas of applicability of the ANPs and SUPPs will integrate, within each planning and implementation regional group (PIRG). This will provide benefits to States, PIRGs and the ICAO Secretariat to support a more efficient implementation of the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) methodology in the regions. Consequently this WP initiates the formal transfer of the current requirements for air navigation services and facilities related to some States from the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) ANP (Doc 7474) to the Middle East (MID) ANP (Doc 9708) and from AFI ANP to Europe (EANPG Doc 9639).

Concept of the Air Navigational Plan (ANP)

3. The meeting is advised that the Regional Air Navigational Plans (ANPs) are published in two volumes; the Basic ANP which contains stable material and the Facilities and Services Implementation Document (FASID) which sets forth the dynamic material from the plan constituted by the facilities and services required by international air navigation. In the AOP field, the Basic ANP Part III contains elements of the existing planning system and introduces the basic planning principles, operational requirements and planning criteria. This also includes the List of International Aerodromes. Volume II contains the Table AOP I which lists the alternate aerodromes for each regular aerodrome, a plan for the runway physical characteristics as well as radio, lighting and marking aids of regular and alternate aerodromes required for international scheduled air transport, non-scheduled air transport and general aviation operations. The meeting is advised that the ANP does not list *existing* facilities and services but rather those that are required as approved by ICAO Council for international civil aviation operations. Both the Basic ANP and FASID should be kept under review.

Procedure for the amendment of the Basic ANP

4. If a Contracting State (or a group of States) wishes to effect changes to the Basic ANP, an amendment proposal prepared by the ICAO Regional office is circulated to providers and user States and international organizations seeking comments. When the amendment has been supported and after ICAO is satisfied that the amendment is in line with established policy, the proposal is first discussed at the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) after which the proposal is submitted to the President of the Council for authorization on behalf of the Council. Proposals for amendment may also be initiated by the Secretary General with concurrence of the State or States concerned.

Procedure for the amendment of the FASID

5. If on the other hand a Contracting State (or a group of States) wishes to effect changes to the FASID, an amendment proposal is prepared by the Regional Office and circulated to providers and user States and international organizations. If in reply to the Regional Office’s enquiry, no objection is raised to the proposal by a specified date, the changes are incorporated into the FASID. Proposal for amendment to the FASID may be initiated by the Regional Office with concurrence of the State or States concerned.

Action by the meeting

6. Once again, the meeting is requested to take note of the minor amendments to the list of international aerodromes in the AFI ANP as received by the Secretariat and to consider other means to effective review of the list by States.
