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EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN (ESAF) OFFICE**

**Joint Meeting of the APIRG Air Traffic Management/Aeronautical Information Management/Search and Rescue Sub-Group (ATM/AIM/SAR SG), and Aerodrome Operations Planning Sub-Group (AOP/SG)
(Nairobi, Kenya, 5 to 8 July 2016)**

Agenda Item 2: Outcome of the APIRG Extraordinary Meeting (APIRG/EO) and the 20th Meeting of APIRG (APIRG/20)

APIRG/20 STRUCTURE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>This paper presents information on the outcome of the two APIRG meetings (APIRG/EO and APIRG/20), with focus on the new restructuring and working methodology of the Group. The paper also provides a briefing of the APIRG Handbook and calls for the identification and nomination of States 'officials to be members of the AAO/SG.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.</p>	
<p>Reference (s):</p> <p>APIRG/EO Report APIRG/20 Report</p>	
Strategic Objectives	<p>This working paper is related to Strategic Objectives: A & B</p>

1. Introduction

1.1 The Extraordinary Meeting of the APIRG, held in Lusaka, Zambia from 10 to 11 July 2014 was a follow up to Decision 19/48 of the Nineteenth Meeting of the APIRG (APIRG/19), at which the Group agreed to review its organization and working methods by applying project management principles and other methodologies to better support the ICAO performance framework in its planning and implementation activities, in order to be aligned with the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs). The main objective of the APIRG/EO was to review the proposals developed the Secretariat for structural transformations of the Group to improve effectiveness of regional implementation projects.

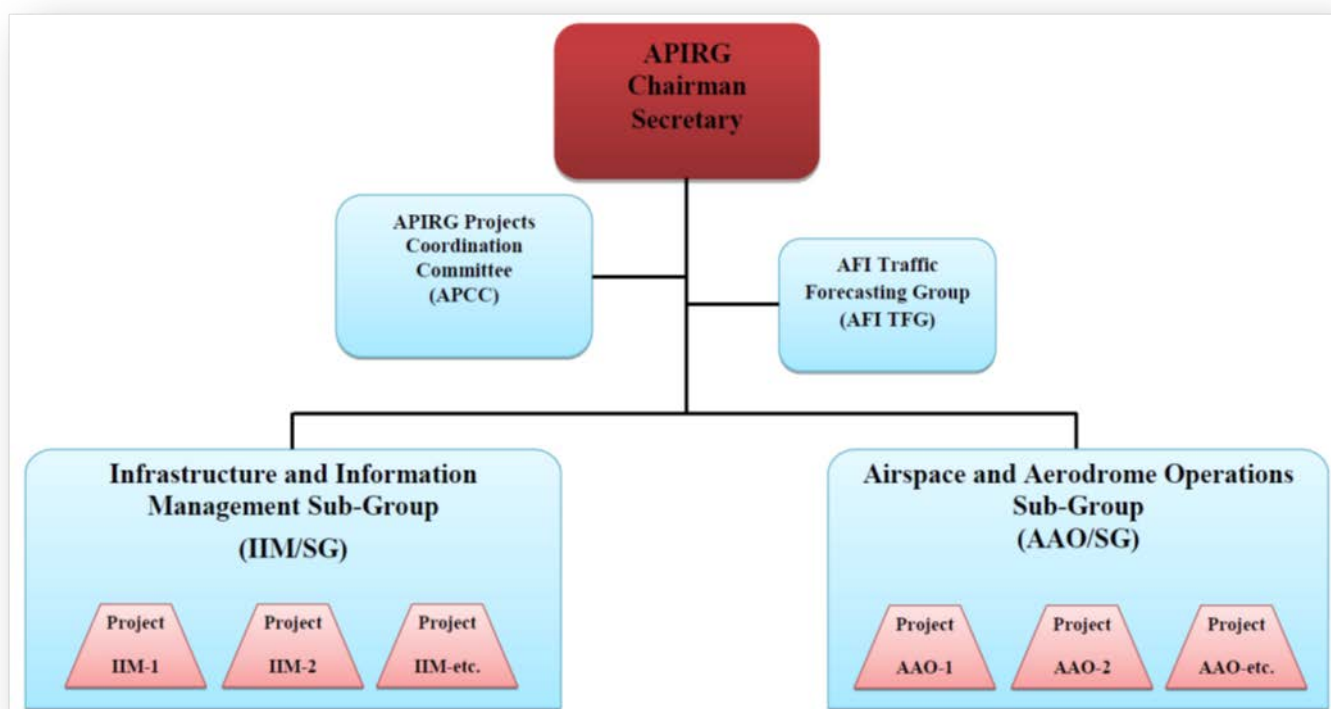
1.2 The Twentieth AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group Meeting (APIRG/20) was held in Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire, from 30 November to 2 December 2015 and reviewed the action taken by the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) on the report of the APIRG/19 Meeting, including the status of implementation of APIRG/19 and APIRG Extraordinary Meetings' conclusions and decisions as presented by the Secretariat.

2. Discussion

2.1 The APIRG/EO recalled that the Special Regional Air Navigation Meeting of 2008 (SP AFI/08 RAN) recognized the need to have a clearly defined strategy to implement Air Traffic Management (ATM) systems and to align work programmes of States, regions and ICAO Headquarters, and according had agreed that APIRG should review its structure to determine if changes would be beneficial in light of performance based

approach to air navigation planning. The Group had further recalled that the Twelfth Air Navigation Conference (AN- Conf/12) under *Recommendation 6/1–Regional performance framework–planning methodologies and tools*, had requested States and PIRGs to focus on implementing the ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs) Block 0 Modules according to their operational requirements, recognizing that these modules were ready for deployment.

2.2 In reviewing the reorganization options presented by the Secretariat pursuant to APIRG Decision 19/48, the APIRG/EO had agreed on the establishment of two Sub-Groups; the Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group (AAO/SG) to facilitate the effective coordination between various areas of ANS and AGA, with particular respect to the ASBUs Performance Improvement Area (PIA) 1 (Airport Operations), PIA 3 (Optimum Capacity and Flexible Flights), PIA 4 (Efficient Flight Paths) and the Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG), with focus on implementation in the context of PIA 2 (Globally Interoperable Systems and Data) and the role of digital processing and management of aeronautical information, meteorological information and the data link communications in support of the provision of Air Traffic Services (ATS), through *Decision EO/01 Reorganization of APIRG* as follows:



2.3 The Terms of Reference, Composition of the Group, Work Programme, Creation and dissolution of contributory bodies including its position in ICAO is detailed in **Attachment B** to this working paper.

2.4 In order to align with and support the reorganized APIRG structure, the APIRG/EO agreed that the APIRG Procedural Handbook should be updated and formulated *Decision EO/02: Revision of the APIRG Procedural Handbook* and *Decision EO/03 Transition to the New APIRG Organization*.

2.5 The APIRG/20 Meeting recalled its Decisions 19/48 and EO/01 (Reorganization of APIRG) establishing the new structure of APIRG and its Contributory Bodies and accordingly agreed to proceed with the operationalization of the new organizational structure of the Group. However, as indicated in WP/02 under agenda item 2, the process for formal nomination of States officials during the APIRG/20 meeting did not take place and although some officials expressed interest to the Secretariat for them to serve in the Sub-Groups, this was not made in accordance with the APIRG Handbook. In order to facilitate the institutionalization of

the New APIRG structure, the Joint Meeting of the AOP/SG and ATM/AIM/SAR SG may wish to identify officials to form part of the AAO/SG.

3. Action by the Meeting

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information provided in working paper; and
- b) take necessary action in relation to paragraph 2.5 above.

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