



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Fifth Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-group (AAO/SG5), virtual, 23 to 26 August 2022

Agenda Item 3.1: Achievements in Airspace and Aerodromes Operations

AFI REGIONAL ATM CONTINGENCY PLAN REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT REPORT

(Presented by AFI ATM Contingency Plan Review Team)

SUMMARY

This paper presents, a progress report on the AFI Regional Contingency Plan Review and Implementation Coordination.

APIRG/24 Conclusion 24/06 urged States – that have not done so – to review and publish their National ATM CP, forward the signed copies to ICAO Regional Offices by 31 March 2022, and to establish and link their National ATM Contingency Plans to the ICAO Webpage of ATM Contingency Plans, by 30 June 2022.

Following adoption of the second edition of the AFI ATM Contingency Plan by APIRG/24 Decision 24/07, States were invited to review and harmonize their National ATM Contingency Plans with the revised AFI ATM Contingency Plan.

The AAO-SG is expected during its fifth meeting to review the status of implementation and make appropriate recommendations to APIRG on the steps to be taken to address the deficiencies.

Action by the Meeting is at Paragraph 3

REFERENCE(S):

APIRG Reports, APIRG Hand Book

AFI ATM Contingency Plan

Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):

A- Aviation Safety **B- Air Navigation capacity and Efficiency.**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 APIRG 22 Conclusion 22/14 adopted the First Edition of the AFI ATM

Contingency Plan (AFI ATM CP) and endorsed the establishment for an AFI Regional Contingency Coordination Team (CCT) that includes Regional ATM/SAR Officers (ESAF/WACAF), State Focal Points, ARMA, IATA, IFALPA, IFATCA, CANSO, etc.

1.2 Following adoption of the AFI ATM CP, deficiencies with respect to the provisions of the ICAO Annex 11 related to the development and promulgation of contingency plans were noted. To address these deficiencies, the CP was reviewed and updated and the Second Edition adopted by APIRG/24 Decision 24/07.

1.3 The AFI Regional Contingency Coordination Team (CCT) has been updated due to the unavailability of some the members.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 It may be recalled that in order to coordinate contingency routes of States/FIRs with adjacent ATS units, States were divided into regional sessions (Central, West, South, and East). This task has not been completed due to some States not turning up for meetings and/or not providing the required information.

2.2 Update of State/FIR ATM Contingency Plan Focal Points and Contact Details was not completed. ICAO RO were requested to coordinate with the States that are yet to respond and solicit the required updates.

2.3 Submission of National Contingency Plans was incomplete due to States that were either yet to develop or provide feedback on the status of the respective National Contingency Plans. ICAO RO were requested to coordinate with the States that are yet to provide feedback and where possible, provide assistance to the states that are yet to develop National Contingency Plans.

2.4 Some members of the AFI CCT have been unavailable due to retirement and redesignation. These members have been replaced as indicated in the Third Edition of the AFI ATM CP's Appendix D.

- 2.5 AFI CCT held several virtual meetings and concluded as follows:
- 2.5.1 ICAO to facilitate a coordination meeting to review and harmonise the AFI contingency routes.
 - 2.5.2 Participating Area (PAs) to coordinate virtually in preparation for the regional ATM CP workshop.
 - 2.5.3 Each Participating Area prepares for the workshop by reviewing the contingency routes within their PA.
 - 2.5.4 A physical AFI ATM CP general meeting is provisionally planned for 1st or 2nd quarter of 2023 in Nairobi.
 - 2.5.5 Communication to States should be done through State letters facilitated by the ICAO regional offices to enable effective participation.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Review action items for endorsement
- b) Review proposed changes in the AFI ATM Contingency Plan for endorsement
- c) Recommend steps to address the deficiencies in the AFI ATM Contingency Plan implementation.
- d) Forward, if endorsed, the draft Third Edition of the AFI ATM Contingency Plan (as reviewed) to APIRG for adoption
- e) Review the membership of the AFI CCT.

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