INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION

**AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP
THIRTEENTH MEETING (APIRG/13)**
(Sal, Cape Verde, 25-29 June 2001)

**Agenda Item 7.1   Relations with other groups, adjacent regions and world-wide
activities**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This paper highlights the activities of the Regional offices with other Groups adjacent Regions and information on world-wide activities since APIRG/12 Meeting
Action by the APIRG/13 is at Paragraph 6

1.   Introduction

1.1   It is noted that after the AFI/7 RAN Meeting, and the APIRG/12 Meeting held in Tunis, from 21 – 25 June 1999, all the Regional Offices have been very active in implementing the different Conclusions/Recommendations emanating from that meeting. Lots of consultations/co-ordination have been carried out with adjacent Regions during that period, in particular, with respect to the implementation of CNS/ATM systems. Those activities are summarized as follows:

2.   AFI/EUR Interface Meeting

An informal AFI/EUR interface meeting was organized in co-ordination with the ICAO European and North Atlantic Office in Paris, France from 14-16 February 2001. The meeting addressed the following issues:

-        The implementation of CNS/ATM systems within routing area AR-7 (North AFI Coastal and AFI/EUR interface routes);
-        Harmonization of the AFI and EUR ANPs
-        Implementation of the Maghreb States Haj routing network
-        Implementation of RVSM;
-        The implementation of ACAS II;
-        Follow-up of AFI/7 RAN Meeting Conclusion 5/9; and
-        Implementation of RNAV routes.

3. Improvements to the air navigation system in the South Atlantic

Pursuant to the AFI/7 RAN Meeting Recommendations 5/11 informal meetings were organized in co-ordination with the ICAO Paris, Lima and Nairobi Offices. Important developments in the Region are summarized as follows:

- the introduction of a new route network in an RNP 10/50 NM lateral spacing environment;
- the implementation of RVSM;
- harmonization of the AFI and SAM CNS/ATM Plans including route networks; and
- the implementation of VSAT networks;
- the preparation of the draft proposal for the Amendment of Regional Supplementary procedures for in flight contingency (Doc. 7030) (Serial N°.: WACAF-S00/1-AFI RAC);
- the preparation of the draft proposal for amendment of the ICAO Regional Supplementary Procedures (Doc 7030) concerning implementation of 50 NM lateral and longitudinal separation minima based on RNP10 (serial N°. WACAF – S00/2, AFI-RAC);
- the preparation of a draft proposal for amendment of the ICAO Regional supplementary Procedures (Doc. 7030) concerning the implementation of RVSM in the EUR/SAM corridor (Serial N°. WACAF – S00/3 – AFI/SAM-RAC).

3.2   Detailed information on the outcome of the SAT/9 informal co-ordination meeting is contained in APIRG/13 – WP/17.

4. AFI/MID Region Interface Meeting

4.1   An informal AFI/MID interface meeting on ATM/SAR/CNS/AIS was organized in co-ordination with the ICAO Middle East Office between Libya, Sudan, Niger, Chad, ASECNA and IATA from 27-28 November 2000 in N'Djamena, Chad. The meeting addressed the following issues:

- Implementation of CNS/ATM systems within routing areas AR7 North AFI and AR9 Trans Sahelian interface routes, on the basis of the guiding principles indicated in the AFI CNS/ATM implementation Plan Doc.003
- Review of communications/coordination problems
- Harmonization of AFI and MID ANPs
- Follow-up on relevant AFI/7 RAN meeting conclusions
- Implementation of RNAV routes
- Implementation of the Maghreb States Haj routing network
- Harmonization of the AFI/MID CNS/ATM Plans including route networks; and the implementation of VSAT networks.

4.2   Asmara FIR Implementation Meeting (Cairo, 18-19 September 2000)

4.2.1   In response to the directive of the President of the Council, the meeting relating to Asmara FIR implementation was held in Cairo from 18 to 19 September 2000. The President was represented by DD/ANB and the Nairobi Regional Office was represented by ICAORD and RO/ATM. It was attended by Eritrea, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, IATA and IFALPA. Ethiopia maintained that the Asmara FIR had not been established despite the fact that the Council approved the establishment of Asmara FIR on 8 March 2000. Eritrea issued a NOTAM on the establishment of Asmara FIR, while Ethiopia issued a NOTAM stating that Asmara FIR had not formally been established. The President of the Council directed that ICAORD, Cairo and Nairobi make a follow-up mission to Eritrea and Ethiopia. To-date this mission had not taken place due to the prevailing situation.

5.   AFI and ASIA/PAC region interface

5.1   CNS/ATM Implementation

5.1.1   At the second meeting of the CNS/ATM Implementation Sub-Group held in Nairobi from 21 to 23 November 2000 for area of routing 10 i.e., Indian Ocean Area or AFI/ASIA Pacific interface, it was decided to extend the IORRA in order to cater for traffic from Johannesburg to Singapore. Implementation of RVSM in that area was planned for March 2002.

6.   Action by APIRG

6.1   APIRG/13 is invited to note the above initiatives in the sense that they reflect the areas which required carefully co-ordinated actions or simultaneous co-ordinated implementation on a regional basis.

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