

**International Civil Aviation Organization****Western and Central Africa Office
Second Meeting of the AFI Frequency Management Group
(AFI/FMG/2)****Dakar, Senegal, 18-19 April 2011****Agenda Item 1: Review of the Terms of Reference, Composition and Work Programme of AFI/FMG and Election of Rapporteur for the group***(Presented by the Secretariat)***SUMMARY**

This paper presents for consideration the Terms of Reference Composition and Work Programme of the Group and call for the election of a Rapporteur for the Group.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES: APIRG /16 Report
Strategic Objectives: C

1. INTRODUCTION

During the ten past years the activities pertaining to Aeronautical Frequency Management in AFI Region were developed without a formal and specialized AFI Group aiming to tackling the various issues. AFI was the last region of the International Aeronautical Community with no Frequency Management Group. This lack of organization led the AFI States and Organization to seek for the establishment of an AFI/Frequency Management Group that should coordinate and harmonize AFI policy for the protection and optimum usage of the aeronautical frequency band as well as define an AFI strategy to support ICAO positions for World Radiocommunication Conferences.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Sixteenth meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/16) in Rubavu, Rwanda, 19-23 November 2007 under **Conclusion 16/32**, established the AFI Frequency Management Group (AFI/FMG).

2.2 The third meeting of the APIRG Communication, Navigation and Surveillance Sub Group (CNS/SG/3 Nairobi, Kenya, 26-30 April 2010) developed the Terms of Reference Composition and Work programme of AFI/FMG which was endorsed by the APIRG/17 meeting (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 02-06 August 2010).

These Terms of Reference and the Work Programme are presented in **Appendix** to this Working Paper

2.3 The first meeting of the AFI/FMG held in ICAO WACAF regional Office (Dakar, Senegal, 1, 2 October 2010) took Decision 1/1 that reads as follow:

That

Considering, the lack of participation of African States in ACP-WG-F meetings, and considering the representation of ASECNA, APIRG should consider the Group's nomination of ASECNA as its rapporteur.

Since then ASECNA has been leading the Group activities and will report to this current meeting.

2.4 In accordance with established practice within APIRG, the Meeting is to elect a Rapporteur from its members States/Organization, who will submit the findings of the group to APIRG sub groups for review and coordinate the Group activities with ATU, ITU and ACP/WGF and report to the attached body.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Consider the Terms of Reference and Work Programme of AFI/FMG as endorsed by APIRG/17
- b) Elect a rapporteur/Chairperson from the member states/organization present at this meeting.

APPENDIX

TERMS OF REFERENCE COMPOSITION AND WORK PROGRAMME OF THE AFI FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP (AFI/FMG)

Terms of Reference:

The FMG works within the terms of reference of the APIRG, on the matters related to the aviation radio frequency spectrum that are included in the following task list in co-ordination with other relevant international organizations.

Composition of AFI State: Angola, Algeria , Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi , Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroun, Cape Verde, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea , Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guinée Equatoriale, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Seychelles, South Africa, Tunisia, RCA Rwanda, Sao Tome et Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland , Tanzania, Tchad, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, France, Britain, Spain

Work Programme:

	Ref.	Title/Brief description	Deliverables	Action by	Target Date
1	GPI 23	Aviation Spectrum requirements	Monitor and report to APIRG the status of available capacity in the various aviation bands	FMG	On-going
2	GPI 23	Frequency planning	Ensure the effective operation of the coordination process for the necessary agreement to make new frequency assignments	FMG	On-going
3	GPI 23	Coordinate with other agencies to protect aviation spectrum	Coordinate activities for the conduct of the 'block planning' process to provide for new frequency requirements which can only be satisfied by the relocation of existing assignments	FMG	On-going
4	GPI 23	Table COM 3 maintenance	Maintain a parallel draft TABLE COM 3 until merging with the ICAO table is completed with refinement of COM3 Tables at the next stage	Study Group, ICAO	On-going
5	GPI 23	Support for ICAO Position at WRC meeting	Ensure AFI States support ICAO at ITU meetings	FMG	On-going