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WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICAN OFFICE

THIRD MEETING OF THE AFI REGION AIM IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

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Agenda Item 3: Status of implementation of the ICAO requirements in the AIM field in the AFI Region (deficiencies).

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This working paper reflects the Reported air navigation deficiencies in the field of AIM . It highlights the challenge of low reporting of deficiencies and proposes an approach to encourage reporting of deficiencies.
REFERENCE(S): APIRG Handbook, ATM/AIM/SAR SG/13 Report APIRG/19 Report
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A & C

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The definition of air navigation “deficiency” as approved by the ICAO Council is as follows:

“a deficiency is a situation where a facility, service or procedure does not comply with a regional air navigation plan approved by the Council, or with related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices, and which situation has a negative impact on the safety, regularity and/or efficiency of international civil aviation”

1.2 The APIRG/18 Meeting in March 2012 The Group agreed that the existing list of deficiencies was not useful, given the situation reflected by, *inter alia*, reports from the USOAP audit of AFI States, and unsatisfactory condition reports (UCRs) considered by the AFI Tactical Action Group (TAG). The current list of AFI Region **AIM** deficiency is at **Appendix B** to this working paper.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 In order to encourage reporting by all concerned parties and to enable follow up, particularly by the Regional Offices, APIRG agreed on an approach to reporting that would guide the parties who are expected to participate in the reporting of deficiencies. In this regard the Group agreed on a list of areas reflected in **Appendix A** to this working paper, which are to be used as a reference for minimum reporting. It was reiterated that the intent of the list is NOT to replace reporting based on Council policy, but to encourage reporting, noting on the one hand the current critically low level of reporting, and on the hand the expense of SARPs and requirements on which reporting may be effected.

2.2 Without prejudice to the definition of ‘a deficiency’ as approved by the Council, States, (Regulators and ANSPs), users (IATA, AFRAA, etc.), and professional organizations (IFALPA, IFATCA, IFATCA, etc.) are encouraged to report on deficiencies in the areas listed in Appendix A to this working paper (in addition to reporting of any other deficiencies as defined by the Council).

2.3 APIRG recognized that the envisaged benefits of this approach include the following:

- (i) Consistency in reporting across all AFI States with respect to the listed areas;
- (ii) Ability to derive trends and propose common solutions;
- (iii) Consistency in follow-up by Regional Offices and other concerned parties;
- (iv) Encouragement to report.

2.4 Undesirable outcomes of the approach which should be guarded against include the following:

- (i) Reporting only on the listed areas, instead of all deficiencies covered by the Council deficiencies;
- (ii) Excessive allocation of solution resources and effort to the listed areas.

2.5 In order to encourage reporting of deficiencies, follow up, collection of information on impediments to implementation, and to facilitate identification of solutions, AFI States and other stakeholders are encouraged to update the list of reporting areas at **Appendix- A** to this working paper, and use it as a guide to minimum reporting.

2.6 The ATM/AIM/SAR Sub-Group acknowledged that there were other mechanisms under which deficiencies were reported, such as those within the purview of the AFI Tactical Action Group (TAG) and the ATS Incident Analysis Group (AIAG), and highlighted the need for effective coordination in reporting and management of the data there from.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

The meeting is invited to:

- (a) Note, review and update the information provided in this working paper under Appendix-A; and
- (b) Utilize the reporting approach described in this working paper under Appendix-A as per APIRG/18 Conclusion 18/62.

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