

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Third Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group
(AAO/SG3), Virtual meeting, 3 to 5 August 2020**Agenda Item 3: Planning and implementation****GLOBAL METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSING AND REPORTING RUNWAY
SURFACE CONDITIONS (GRF)***(Presented by the Secretariat)***SUMMARY**

This paper reports on the implementation of the Global methodology for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions (GRF), effective on 11 July 2016, with November 2021 applicability date.

Action by the meeting is at **paragraph 3**.

REFERENCE(S):

– APIRG/22 Report
– ICAO Annexes 3; 6, Parts I and II; 8; 14, Volume I; 15; PANS-Aerodromes; and PANS-ATM

This paper relates to Strategic Objectives **A, B and E**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ICAO Council adopted during its 207th Session in February 2016, amendments of Annexes 3; 6, Parts I and II; 8; 14, Volume I; 15; PANS- Aerodromes; and PANS-ATM, relating to the use of an enhanced global reporting format for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions.

1.2 A joint ICAO/ACI Symposium on Implementation of the Global Reporting Format for Runway Surface Condition (GRF2019), was held in Montréal, Canada from 26 to 28 March 2019, with the objective to increase international awareness in advance of the November 2020 applicability date, postponed now for November 2021. Following the Symposium outcomes, several seminars aiming promote a collaborative and harmonious approach in the implementation of these new provisions at the States level, and hence at the regional and global levels, were conducted.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting will recall that at its Twenty-second Meeting in Accra, Ghana, from 29 July to 2 August 2019, APIRG agreed on Conclusion 22/41 ‘Implementation of the Runway surface conditions Global Reporting Format (GRF)’ as follow:

That:

a) States should:

i) set up national and local plans with dedicated Teams, for the implementation, and make use of existing national and regional mechanisms to support the implementation of the GRF (RSTs, Go-Teams, RSOOs, ...) ensure appropriate participation of the concerned stakeholders (CAAs, airports operators, ANSPs, airlines, ...) to the upcoming seminars (Accra, Nairobi and Johannesburg);

ii) States should report on the implementation of the GRF to the ICAO regional Offices;

b) International Organizations (IATA, ACI, CANSO, ASECNA, ...) should actively participate in the conduct of the Seminars and any further required activities; and

c) ICAO Regional Offices and International Organizations such as ACI, IATA, etc. to increase training activities, including onsite trainings.

2.2 Despite several initiatives (workshops, training, etc.) conducted by ICAO and other Partners, the level of implementation and stakeholder’s involvement/commitment remains low in the States. Few States in addition reported the status of implementation of the GRF provisions to the ICAO Regional Offices.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

a) note the information provided in this working paper

b) urge States to implement the APIRG’s Conclusion 22/41.
