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Agenda Item 8: Future 2017-2019 APIRG Work Programme

**FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING OF APIRG
AND ITS AUXILIARY BODIES**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents the Work Programme related to the activities of APIRG and proposes establishment of a Joint APIRG-RASG/AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) as subsidiary body to APIRG and RASG-AFI and be responsible for coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S): Special AFI/RAN Meeting, RASG-AFI/2&3 reports</p>
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A - Safety</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The terms of reference and work programme of APIRG was last reviewed at APIRG/20 meeting in December 2015. In view of the continuing new developments in the aviation system, especially related to ASBU and project based approach adopted by the APIRG, there was a need to review and update its work programme, to align it with the activities of the Group.

1.2 The meeting should recall that the APIRG/18 and RASG-AFI/1 meetings (in March 2012) recognized the necessity for close coordination of activities between RASG- AFI and APIRG in order to ensure harmonization and avoid duplication of efforts, in accordance with the terms of reference of these two groups. Furthermore, the RASG-AFI/2 meeting (in November 2013) identified the need to establish an effective mechanism for the two groups to share and agree on how to deal with real or potential overlapping responsibilities in a timely manner, and accordingly recommended that APIRG and RASG-AFI share information on the outcomes of their most recent meetings and activities in order to facilitate coordination between the two Groups and among their subsidiary bodies (Conclusion 2/10).

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting will recall that APIRG/20 Meeting (Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire, 30 November - 2 December 2015) reviewed and updated the work programme of the Group, in order to continuously meet its primary responsibility for the development and maintenance of regional air navigation plans, as well as the identification and resolution of air navigation deficiencies. Furthermore, APIRG has a significant role in supporting the implementation of Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) at regional level.

2.2 With regard to ICAO Strategic Objectives A, B and D, APIRG is tasked with promoting regional activities to address safety, efficiency, airspace capacity and environmental issues within the context of ATM infrastructure improvements, while taking into account emerging technologies in CNS systems.

2.3 Taking into consideration the scope of the Group's activities, its mandate and on-going regional and global developments relating to the implementation of safe air navigation services in the AFI region, the meeting may wish to review its work programme as proposed in the **Attachments A** to this working paper.

2.4 The meeting will also recall the following task allocations that have been agreed upon between APIRG and RASG-AFI groups:

- a) RVSM safety monitoring, QMS, Civil military coordination and SAR continue to be part of APIRG Work Programme;
- b) Safety issues directly related to flight operations, Accidents and Incidents Analysis, and SSP are addressed within the framework of RASG-AFI; and
- c) SMS implementation, Runway Safety, Unsatisfactory Condition Reports (UCRs), English Language Proficiency (ELP), Airspace contingencies and Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) issues will continue to be included in the Work Programmes of both RASG-AFI and APIRG, for some period

2.5 In addition to the above tasks, recognizing that the ASBU Block 0 modules related to safety actually support the implementation of the high level safety targets adopted by the Abuja Ministerial Conference of 2012, and the importance of providing capacity building through workshops, the RASG-AFI/2 meeting recommended that RASG-AFI should address the implementation of the relevant safety related ASBU Block 0 modules, in coordination with the APIRG and the relevant bodies in line with regional aviation safety mechanisms (Conclusion 2/11 refers).

2.6 In view of the above, the RASG-AFI/3 meeting (in December 2015) established a Joint APIRG-RASG/AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) to be responsible for coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI (Decision 3/15). The Joint Coordination Task Force will be a subsidiary body to APIRG and RASG-AFI, intended to strengthen existing arrangements and adequately address the requirements for coordination between the two groups. The membership of the ARC-TF includes:

- a) Representatives from APIRG;
- b) Representatives from RASG-AFI; and
- c) Representative from AFCAC.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Approve the establishment of a Joint APIRG-RASG/AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) as subsidiary body to APIRG and RASG-AFI and be responsible for coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI; and
- b) Approve the 2017-2019 APIRG Work Programme as per **Attachment A**.

ATTACHMENT A

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF APIRG MEETINGS

1. Activities 2018

- a) Meetings of AAO and IIM Sub-Groups: 1 by May 2018
- b) Meeting of APCC: 2 by 31 December 2018
- c) Meeting of ARC-TF: 2 by 31 December 2018

2. Activities 2019

- a) Meeting of AAO and IIM Sub-Groups: 1 by January 2019
- b) Meeting of APCC: February 2019;
- c) Meeting of ARC-TF: 1 by April 2019
- d) APIRG/22 Meeting: 1 by April 2019

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