

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Seventh Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group
(AAO/SG7)

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Agenda Item 7: Implementation Challenges of the Subgroup**7.1 IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES OF THE AAOSG***(Presented by Secretariat)*

SUMMARY
This paper presents main challenges encountered by the AAO/SG when carrying out its activities. Action by the meeting is in Paragraph 3
REFERENCE(S): APIRG Procedural Handbook
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A- Safety B- Capacity and Efficiency

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The AAO/SG is established and mandated by APIRG to carry out support activities related to the implementation of ICAO SARPs while supporting APIRG to discharge its functions and responsibilities.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The AAO/SG has had some challenges while implementing the respective activities.

2.2 The Group has noted that the number of experts supporting its activities has been diminishing in the recent past. This is attributed to natural attrition within the States without replacement as well as inadequate capacity by the experts within the States to support the Subgroup. Some of the experts are also engaged in State activities that may not allow them sufficient time to participate in the Group's activities.

2.3 The need for data to provide an overview of the Status of implementation of conclusions and Decisions is also a factor that slows down the development of potential solutions within the AFI Region.

2.4 The activities of the Subgroup are usually undertaken in a virtual platform. Due to lack of stable internet connectivity in some of the States, experts are unable to participate

in the activities of the subgroup.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information provided in this paper
- b) Encourage States to support experts to participate in the Subgroup activities through provision of internet and other tools required to participate in the activities.
- c) Encourage States to provide data when required to foster implementation of the subgroup activities.
