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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DRAFT TEXT FOR THE REPORT
ON
AGENDA ITEM 62

The attached material on Agenda Item 62 is submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Agenda Item 62: Report of the High-level Meeting on a Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa

62.1 At its seventh meeting, the Executive Committee considered the report on the High-level Meeting on a *Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa*, henceforth called the AFI Plan.

62.2 The Executive Committee, on reviewing WP/273, noted that the ICAO Secretariat, under the direction of the Council and with the assistance and guidance of States and industry groups concerned, developed the AFI Plan in order to reduce the accident rate and to increase the overall level of safety in Africa. The AFI Plan reflects ICAO's overall strategy and methodology contained in the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and the Global Aviation Safety Roadmap, which was developed by the Industry Safety Strategy Group (ISSG).

62.3 In order to provide a forum for realistic assessment of the safety issues in the AFI Region, to map out the way forward for the implementation of the AFI Plan, and to obtain pledges of support from States and international organizations, a high-level meeting was convened prior to the Assembly (Montreal, 17 September 2007). This high-level meeting was attended by 289 participants from 73 Contracting States and 28 international organizations.

62.4 The Executive Committee recommended that the AFI Plan be built upon tangible implementation initiatives already occurring in the AFI Region. To this end, many States and international organizations committed to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the AFI Plan and, in so doing, made pledges in cash and kind for its successful implementation. These pledges will be followed up and coordinated by ICAO so as to ensure the proper utilization of these resources. Furthermore, the Executive Committee noted that the high-level meeting adopted the Declaration (Appendix A of WP/273), urging African States and industry to coordinate efforts with ICAO to ensure optimum benefits to aviation safety in Africa and to reduce duplication of efforts.

62.5 The Executive Committee noted that, as a way forward, the next steps in the implementation of the AFI Plan include carrying out the expanded gap analysis, as well as identifying priority projects, and matching them with Contracting States and industry willing to undertake such projects. One delegation emphasised the need to strengthen the African Regional Offices for the implementation of the AFI Plan. Also, the Executive Committee noted a suggestion that safety issues arising from the Global Air Navigation Plan should be taken into account in the implementation of the AFI Plan.

62.6 Concluding the discussion on the subject, the Executive Committee observed that the execution of the AFI Plan, in a manner consistent with programme management and business plan principles and practices, will be a test case to demonstrate ICAO leadership role in the delivery of its programmes and would serve as template for future work. Based on the above and noting that the proposed "gap analysis" of the AFI Plan will be performed in accordance with GASP, the Executive Committee agreed to submit the attached draft Assembly Resolution on the AFI Plan to the Plenary for its adoption.

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APPENDIX A

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY THE 36TH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

Resolution A36/XX **Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa**

Whereas it is essential that there be increased coordinated efforts under ICAO leadership to reduce serious deficiencies in the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Region which are detrimental to the functioning and further development of international civil aviation;

Noting that the Council of ICAO has already taken steps to address safety issues through the development of a Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (the AFI Plan);

Recognizing that many Contracting States in the AFI Region may not have the technical or financial resources to comply with the requirements of the Chicago Convention and its Annexes and therefore have to rely on ICAO and other stakeholders for expertise and assistance;

Recognizing the need to coordinate, under the ICAO umbrella, activities of all stakeholders providing assistance to States in the AFI Region;

Recognizing that ICAO may require additional resources to successfully carry out its coordination role;

Considering the willingness of the international community to assist the AFI Region in giving, as soon as possible, a concrete and substantial content to the AFI Plan;

The Assembly:

1. *Urges* Contracting States of the AFI Region to commit to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the AFI Plan and to ongoing transparency with regard to the progress accomplished;
2. *Encourages* Contracting States of the AFI Region to strengthen cooperation across the region in order to make the optimum use of available resources through regional and sub-regional projects in all sectors of civil aviation, with a high priority in the field of safety oversight;
3. *Instructs* the Council to notify States, industry and donors of the priority projects arising from the gap analysis, performed in accordance with the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP);
4. *Encourages* all Contracting States, industry and donors to undertake projects that address the priorities identified through the gap analysis, which is to be consistent with the GASP and other principles laid out in the AFI Plan;

5. *Instructs* the Council to establish a mechanism to receive voluntary contributions from the parties willing to contribute to ICAO's coordination of the plan or implementation activities undertaken within the AFI Plan;

6. *Instructs* the Council to coordinate the contributions towards the implementation of the AFI Plan;

7. *Instructs* the Council to ensure a stronger ICAO leadership role in coordinating activities, initiatives and implementation strategies aimed specifically at meeting the goals and objectives of the Plan, in order to achieve sustained improvement of flight safety in the AFI Region and to allocate resources to the relevant Regional Offices accordingly;

8. *Instructs* the Council to implement the AFI Plan in line with programme management and business plan principles and practices;

9. *Instructs* the Council to monitor and measure the status of implementation in the AFI Region throughout the triennium and to report to the next Assembly on the progress made;

10. *Instructs* the Council to ensure the continued development of new working relationships integrating the capabilities of the bureaux at Headquarters with the resources of Regional Offices, Contracting States and industry stakeholders.

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