

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
**Sixth Meeting of the APIRG Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group
(AAO/SG6)
4 to 8 September 2023**
Agenda Item 2: Status of the implementation of Conclusions and Decisions applicable to AAO/SG
Review of the APIRG Conclusions and Decisions applicable to AAO/SG

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This working paper presents information available to the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the APIRG Conclusions and Decisions applicable to the AAO/SG</p> <p>Action by the meeting is in paragraph 3.</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S): APIRG/20 to APIRG/25 Reports AAO/SG1 to AAO/SG5 Reports APIRG Procedural Handbook</p>
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</p> <p>This Working Paper relates to Strategic Objectives: A, B & E</p>

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The APIRG Procedural Handbook requires the Group to review its outstanding Conclusions and Decisions in order to keep them current and their number at a minimum consistent with the progress achieved in implementation.

1.2 One of the AAOSG tasks is to carry out comprehensive reviews and updates of all Conclusions and Decisions within the framework of APIRG that are applicable to the AAO Sub-Group in order to ensure continued relevance of the Conclusions and Decisions.

2. DISCUSSION

2.0 APIRG Sub-Groups are required to review all pending APIRG Conclusions and Decisions with the objective of identifying Conclusions and Decisions with the following characteristics:

- a) Those which have been implemented or become obsolete due to new and recent developments in the aviation industry in the Region;
- b) Those which have matured to be included in the work programme of APIRG and its subsidiary bodies as well as the Terms of Reference or Handbook of the Group;
- c) Those which are adequately covered by other specific provisions of ICAO including

SARPs, Assembly Resolutions and Regional requirements, to be deleted or reformulated to complement such other ICAO provisions; and

d) Those which have since become redundant.

2.1 . After the APIRG/25 meeting, the Secretariat conducted a complete review of the Conclusions/Decisions applicable to the AAO/SG from AAO/SG1 to AAO/SG/5 and observed duplications, redundancies and lack of clarity in some of the current APIRG Conclusions and Decisions. 88 Conclusions were considered still valid while 60 were considered no longer applicable. The meeting needs to review the conclusions and decisions to clarify their applicability and relevance.

2.2

2.3 For AAO/SG to report accurately and in a timely manner, there is a need for States to effectively provide information on the status of their implementation of APIRG Conclusions and Decisions through specific APIRG Focal Points appointed by States and Organization to follow up on APIRG matters. The status of implementation is as attached in **Appendix A**.

2.4 The Secretariat is expected to develop proposals for a system of reviewing the validity of Conclusions and Decisions every two successive APIRG meetings; and the transfer of Conclusions and Decisions which have reached maturity and still relevant to appropriate guides, handbooks and manuals for the AFI Region.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information provided in this working paper;
- b) review the APIRG Conclusions/Decisions as provided in this paper that are applicable to the AAO/SG in order to identify and clarify the formulation of those that continue to be valid and actions needed to facilitate their implementation further, and those that are no longer applicable (actions completed, covered by others, overtaken by events or otherwise redundant);
- c) in preparation for the APIRG/26 meeting, request States to provide to the Secretariat updated information on the status of the implementation of APIRG Conclusions and Decisions applicable to airspace and aerodrome operations by 15 October 2023; and
- d) formulate comments/proposals as required.
