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**Twenty Sixth Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/26)**

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**Agenda item 3.6: Other Air Navigation Initiatives.**

**Title: Establishment of National APIRG Monitoring and Implementation Committee (NAMIC)**

*(Presented by Nigeria.)*

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
This paper presents initiatives adopted by Nigeria to ensure timely and comprehensive implementation of conclusions of APIRG and its Sub-Groups.	
<b>Action by the meeting is contained in paragraph 3.</b>	
<b>References</b>	<b>APIRG Procedural Handbook</b>
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>	<b>A - Safety; B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency.</b>

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 In the past, the implementation of conclusions of APIRG and its Sub – Groups in Nigeria have witnessed delays and drawbacks with its attendant negative consequences on safety and regularity of air navigation services.
- 1.2 The compelling need to eliminate the shortcomings enumerated above gave birth to the establishment of the “National APIRG Monitoring and Implementation Committee” (NAMIC) in February 2021 with members drawn from the Aviation industry stakeholders and the Military.
- 1.3 Since the inception of NAMIC, the implementation of conclusions of APIRG and its Sub-Groups have not only been timely but also comprehensive thus leading to improved safe and regular delivery of air navigation services within the Kano FIR.

## **2. DISCUSSION**

- 2.1 Since the Committee was primarily established to fast-track the implementation of conclusions of APIRG and its Sub-Groups by relevant aviation organizations /agencies, it became evident that the composition of the Committee will have to include knowledgeable and experienced members from the aviation industry stakeholders.
- 2.2 To be able to deliver on its mandate, the Committee developed a document called “NAMIC Procedural Handbook” that provides a framework and guidance for the professional conduct of the affairs of the Committee.
- 2.3 Essentially, the Committee conducts reviews of conclusions of the APIRG and its Sub-groups to identify those that concern Nigeria and bring them to the attention of the relevant aviation agency for implementation. The Committee also monitors the implementation of the conclusions to ensure adherence to international best practices.
- 2.4 The Committee conducts its meetings quarterly in line with the Provisions of the NAMIC Procedural Handbook and reports the outcome of its meetings as “recommendations “directly to the Director General of Civil Aviation.
- 2.5 This bold initiative has also assisted Nigeria in responding positively to Protocol Questions relating to APIRG in the recently concluded USOAP CMA exercise.

## **3 ACTION BY THE MEETING**

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
  - (a) note the information provided in this paper; and
  - (b) encourage other member States to do the same.