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6-10 November 2023

Agenda Item 3: APIRG and RASG-AFI Coordination

Outcomes of the Sixth APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF/6) Meeting

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>This paper presents the outcomes of the sixth Meeting of the APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF/6), held virtually on 25 October 2023.</p> <p>The meeting reviewed and discussed its terms of reference, the implementation of the APIRG/25& RASG-AFI/8 Meeting conclusions/decisions, the revised APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas, Enhancements of APIRG and RASG-AFI Structure, outcomes of the Second Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations for Global Aviation Safety- AFI RSOOs Session, the proposed Agenda for APIRG/26 & RASG-AFI/9 Joint sessions and the Coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reports.</p> <p>The action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3</p>	
Strategic Objectives	This working paper relates to the Strategic Objectives in the areas of Safety and Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency
Reference(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APIRG /25 and RASG-AFI/08 Meeting Reports • APIRG and RASG-AFI Procedural Handbooks

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting would recall that the Joint APIRG/RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF) established, as a subsidiary body to APIRG and RASG-AFI, is responsible for coordinating the activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI on a routine basis. The ARC-TF is required to discuss common and urgent issues and report to APIRG and RASG-AFI.

1.2 The sixth APIRG and RASG-AFI Coordination Task Force (ARC-TF/5) meeting was attended by forty (40) participants from AFI States and Regional/International Organizations.

2 DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting was chaired by Colonel LATTA D. Gnama, Director General, Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile of Togo and Chairperson of RASG-AFI. The ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices served as the Secretariat.

2.2 Discussions of the meeting included the implementation of the APIRG/25 & RASG-AFI/8 Meeting Conclusions/Decisions, the review of the terms of reference of the ARC-TF, enhancements of APIRG and RASG-AFI Structure, outcomes of the Second Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations for Global Aviation Safety- AFI RSOOs Session, the review and update of the APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas, the review of the proposed Agenda for APIRG/26 & RASG-AFI/9 Joint sessions and the Coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reports

Review of the terms of reference of the ARC-TF

2.3 The meeting reviewed the Terms of Reference (TORs) including the work programme, key tasks, the composition, roles and responsibilities and working arrangements of the ARC-TF with a view to coordinate and guide planning and implementation of activities of APIRG and RASG-AFI.

Review of the status of implementation of the APIRG/25 & RASG-AFI/8 Conclusions/Decisions

2.4 The meeting reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the four (04) Conclusions and one (01) Decision of the Joint APIRG/25 and RASG-AFI/8 Meeting and urged States and organizations to expedite the implementation of the remaining actions. The updated status of implementation of the Conclusions and Decisions presented at Appendix 1 to ARC-TF/6 Report.

Enhancements of APIRG and RASG-AFI Structure

2.5 The meeting recalled the APIRG/25 & RASG-AFI/8 Decision 4/04, which called for setting up a small group, under the leadership of the Secretaries and in close coordination with the Chairpersons, to study the feasibility of combining APIRG and RASG-AFI into a single entity; and submit the result to the next meeting of the groups for consideration.

2.6 The meeting reviewed the results of the study presented by the small group and advised the secretariat to present the concept note and the progress made so far to the Joint session of APIRG & RASG-AFI Meetings. The Concept Note on the Enhancement of APIRG and RASG-AFI Structure presented as Appendix 02 to ARC-TF/6 Report.

Review and update of APIRG and RASG-AFI common areas

2.7 The meeting was reminded that the review of the allocation of tasks and the areas of common interest between APIRG and RASG-AFI is part of the ARC-TF terms of reference and work Programme for the purpose of ensuring consistency, efficiency and avoidance of duplication and conflict between the activities of the two Groups as well as the AFI Plan.

2.8 The meeting reviewed and updated the list of identified common areas between the APIRG, RASG-AFI and the AFI Plan. The revised list of common areas between APIRG, RASG-AFI and AFI Plan is in Appendix 3 to ARC-TF/6 Report.

Outcomes of the Second Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations for Global Aviation Safety- AFI RSOOs Session

2.9 The meeting reviewed the outcomes of the Second Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) for Global Aviation Safety in particular the session that focuses on AFI RSOOs, which was as held on 12 October 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya, as part of the Second Forum on Regional Safety Oversight Organizations for Global Aviation Safety.

2.10 The meeting endorsed the outcomes of the Forum on RSOOs for Africa session to be presented to the APIRG and RASG-AFI Meetings.

Proposed Agenda for APIRG/26 & RASG/9 Joint Sessions

2.11 The meeting reviewed the draft Agenda for APIRG/26 & RASG-AFI/9 Joint sessions, to be held on 6 and 10 November 2023, developed in line with the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) recommendation for a uniform approach to the formulation of the agenda for PIRG and RASG Meetings.

2.12 The draft agenda for APIRG/26 & RASG-AFI/9 Joint sessions was adopted as presented by the Secretariat.

Coordination of APIRG and RASG-AFI Annual Reporting

2.13 The meeting was briefed on the presentation of the APIRG/25 and RASG-AFI/8 reports to ANC and the ICAO Council, as well as the progress made since the last meeting in the coordination of the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) and the APIRG Air Navigation Reporting Team (AANRT) activities.

2.14 The meeting recognized the efforts of the APIRG and RASG-AFI Chairpersons and Secretaries leading to the successful coordination and reporting to ANC and ICAO Council.

2.15 The meeting acknowledged the publication of the Ninth Edition of the RASG-AFI Annual Safety Report as well as the finalization of the First Edition of the Annual Air Navigation report which is ready for circulation.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in this Working Paper; and
- b) Consider any further improvements to the actions endorsed by the ARC-TF/6.