



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP
THIRTEENTH MEETING (APIRG/13)
(Sal, Cape Verde, 25 - 29 June 2001)

- Agenda Item 4.7: **Air Navigation Issues**
4.7.2 **Establishment of an AFI Air Navigation Safety Board**

Prepared by the Secretariat

Summary

This working paper presents to APIRG/13 a proposal stemming from the Directors of Civil Aviation Meeting (Nairobi, 23 -24 January 2001) to establish an AFI Air Navigation Safety Board that would enhance the elimination of shortcomings and deficiencies in the airports and air navigation services of the AFI Region.

Action by APIRG is in paragraph 5.

Reference:

Report of the Meeting of Directors, Directors General and Chief Executives of Airports and Air Navigation Authorities/Civil Aviation Departments (Nairobi, 23 - 24 January 2001).

1. **Background**

A Meeting of Directors, Directors General and Chief Executives of Airports and Air Navigation Authorities/Civil Aviation Departments in Eastern and Southern African Region was held in Nairobi from 23 to 24 January 2001. The meeting addressed, in particular, problems related to shortcomings and deficiencies in the airports and air navigation systems of the AFI Region and, in search of ways and means to manage these shortcomings and deficiencies with the objective of their total elimination, it developed the following conclusion:

Conclusion 1/2: Aviation Safety Group

That the AFI Region, through the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG), establish an appropriate board composed of States and other stakeholders to manage identified shortcomings and deficiencies which could adversely affect aviation safety with the objective of eliminating them.

2. **Terms of Reference**

2.1 While a strong framework already exists within which air navigation shortcomings and deficiencies are identified and reported, the Directors meeting considered that additional efforts were required in order to eliminate the identified serious safety-related shortcomings. Towards this objective, the proposed AFI Air Navigation Safety Board should be assigned the following terms of reference:

- a) To evaluate, validate, monitor and follow-up those shortcomings and deficiencies in AFI Region which are classified as urgent (U) and develop appropriate remedial action to be taken and, if the case so warrants, prepare documentation for presentation of specific shortcomings/deficiencies to the ICAO Council. To this effect, the Safety Board will receive from the APIRG Sub-Groups the updated lists of urgent (U) shortcomings/deficiencies well in advance of each APIRG Meeting and from stakeholders through the ICAO Regional Offices.
- b) To promote the corrective actions to be taken by concerned States in order to resolve specific shortcomings/deficiency in their respective areas of responsibility.

3. Working Methodology

3.1 The AFI Air Navigation Safety Board shall carry out its tasks using the following methodology:

- a) Coordinate through correspondence or ad hoc meetings following APIRG Meetings.
- b) Consider urgent shortcomings and deficiencies and develop solutions which will be proposed to States concerned through the appropriate ICAO Regional Office.
- c) Assist, through the relevant ICAO Regional Office, an individual State, a group of States or an executing body in identifying resources to resolve an urgent shortcoming/deficiency through advocacy of relevant high-level government officials and/or donor organizations.

4 Composition

4.1 The AFI Air Navigation Safety Board will be composed of the Chairman of APIRG, ICAO Regional Directors Dakar and Nairobi, a Representative from ICAO's Regional Affairs Office, the Chairmen and Secretaries of the APIRG Sub-Groups and a representative from the following observer organizations: IATA, IFALPA, IFATCA.

5. Action by APIRG

5.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the spirit of Conclusion 1/2 of the meeting of the Directors of Civil Aviation;
- b) decide on the establishment of the AFI Air Navigation Safety Board including its proposed terms of reference, working methods and composition.