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AFI PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP (APIRG)
AFI OPMET MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE (AFI OPMET MTF)
THIRD MEETING (AFI OPMET MTF/3)
(Dakar, Senegal, 27 – 28 June 2011)

Agenda Item 3 b): Review of the AMBEX Handbook

AFI METEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN EXCHANGE (AMBEX SCHEME)

(Presented by South Africa)

<p style="text-align: center;">SUMMARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The paper present proposals for the updating of the AMBEX scheme</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">REFERENCES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-AMBEX Handbook - Seventh Edition March 2010, Appendix A&B</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ACTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The action by the meeting is at paragraph 4</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

The APIRG/16 Decision 16/54 called for the AFI OPMET MTF to keep the AMBEX Scheme and other OPMET exchange procedures under review and prepare proposals for the optimization of the schemes.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to note that changes to the current version of the AMBEX Handbook are necessary and they relate to information in the TAF and METAR bulletins (SAAP32, FTAP32 and FTAP39). The changes are in view of the AFTN addresses to be used to distribute bulletins as part of the outgoing responsibilities of the IROGs.

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2.2 The APIRG/17 conclusion 17/75 calls for IROG Pretoria to distribute bulletins to IROG Toulouse, London, Bangkok, Jeddah and Rio de Janeiro. In reviewing the AMBEX handbook, it was noted that the AFTN addresses for these places with the exception of IROG Toulouse were not listed in Appendices A and B of the AMBEX Handbook.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 The meeting may agree to submit the following recommendation to the MET/SG meeting for further action:

Recommendation 3/XX- Updating of the AMBEX Handbook.

That, Appendix A and B to the AFI AMBEX Handbook to be updated by the MET/SG to reflect AFTN addresses for the IROG's London, Bangkok, Jeddah and Rio de Janeiro.

4. ACTION BY THE MEETING

4.1 The meeting is invited to:

1. note the information in this paper,
2. review the appendixes to this paper and,
3. decide on the above recommendation proposed for the task force's consideration.
