



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**Sixth Meeting of the APIRG Communications Sub-Group
(Nairobi, 24 - 26 September 2002)**

Agenda Item 2: Terms of reference, work programme and composition as defined by APIRG/13

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This working paper reviews the terms of reference, working programme and composition of the COM Sub-group as defined by APIRG/13.
Action required is at paragraph 3
Reference: APIRG/13 Report

1. Introduction

1.1 The AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) at its 13th meeting adopted a revised terms of reference and new work programme for the COM Sub-group, shown at **Appendix A** to this working paper. The APIRG also approved Eritrea and Ghana as new members of the COM/SG.

2. Discussion

2.1 The main tasks of the COM Sub-group are the continuing and coherent development of the AFS plans and the identification, review and monitoring of deficiencies that affect COM services in the AFI Region.

2.2 All elements of the work programme except Item 13 are included in the agenda of the present meeting and are the subject of Secretariat working papers.

3. Action by the Sub-group

3.1 The COM/SG is invited to:

- a) note its terms of reference and work programme as defined by APIRG/13 ;
and
- b) provide, as required, comments and suggestions on the terms of reference and work programme.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE COM SUB-GROUP**1. Terms of reference**

- a) Ensure the continuing and coherent development of the AFI Regional Implementation Plan for COM systems in the light of new developments;
- b) Identify, review, and monitor shortcomings and deficiencies that impede or affect the provision of efficient COM services and recommend appropriate corrective action.

2. Work Programme

Item	Task description	Priority	Target date
1	Analyze, review and monitor shortcomings and deficiencies in the operation of the aeronautical fixed service, the aeronautical mobile service and the radio nav aids.	A	continuing
2	Monitor the performance and implementation of the AFTN and propose corrective measures, as required	A	continuing
3	Follow-up the implementation programme of the ATS/DS circuits and propose corrective measures, as required	A	continuing
4	Update the AFI AFTN Routing Directory	A	continuing
5	Follow-up the interconnection of VSAT networks in the AFI Region	A	continuing
6	Draft, in co-ordination with the ATS/SAR/AIS Sub-group, a plan for the extension of VHF coverage in the AFI region along all ATS routes shown in Table ATS-1 (AFI/7 Rec. 5/12)	B	APIRG/14
7	Analyse and review the report of the ATN Planning Task Force on the transition from the AFTN to the ATN.	B	APIRG/14
8	Review of the survey of HF congestion in the AFI region by IATA	B	APIRG/14
9	Review of VHF coverage survey in the AFI Region	B	APIRG/14
10	Follow-up the upgrading modulation rate for main AFTN circuits.	B	APIRG/14
11	Follow-up the ICAO position for the ITU WRC meetings	B	continuing
12	Follow-up of IFALPA proposals for VHF coverage	B	continuing
13	Address human factors issues in the COM field	B	continuing

Priority:

- A High priority tasks on which work should be speeded up;
- B Medium priority tasks, on which work should be undertaken as soon as possible, but without detriment to priority A tasks;

Composition: Algeria, Angola, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, D.R. of Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Spain, Tunisia, Zambia, ACAC, ASECNA, IATA and IFALPA.