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**Western and Central Africa Office
Second Meeting of the AFI Frequency Management Group
(AFI/FMG/2)**

Dakar, Senegal, 18-19 April 2011

**Agenda Item 6: Terms of Reference, Composition and Future Work Programme of
AFI/FMG**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents for consideration by the meeting the updated Terms of Reference Composition and Future Work Programme of the AFI Frequency Management Group AFI/FMG

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES: APIRG /16 Report
Strategic Objectives: C

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Sixteenth meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group APIRG/16) in Rubavu, Rwanda, 19-23 November 2007 under Conclusion 16/32, established the AFI Frequency Management Group (AFI/FMG).

1.2 The third meeting of the APIRG Communication, Navigation and Surveillance Sub Group (CNS/SG/3 Nairobi, Kenya, 26-30 April 2010) developed the Terms of Reference Composition and Work Programme of AFI/FMG which was endorsed by the APIRG/17 meeting (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 02-06 August 2010).

2 DISCUSSION

2.1 The first meeting of the AFI/FMG was held in ICAO WACAF regional Office (Dakar, Senegal, 1, 2 October 2010) developed the Action Plan followed in Agenda item 1.

2.4 It was noted during this meeting the low rate of participation to ATU and CPM meeting by AFI CAA and ANSPs including the nominated Rapporteur of AFI/FMG. Moreover the collection of Frequency List (COM List) is not completed in spite of the relevant conclusions and decision in the matter by previous meetings.

2.5 In addition, the management of the regulatory aspect of the aeronautical spectrum is not quite formalized in AFI region although some Administration/Organizations have undertaken to tackle this issue through agreements between CAA and Telecommunication Regulation Authorities.

2.6 In accordance with established practice within APIRG Sub Groups, Groups and Task Forces, and taking into consideration the experiment gained during the past period, the AFI

Frequency Management Group is to review and amend its Terms of Reference Composition and Future Work Programme of AFI/FMG as presented in Appendix to this Working Paper

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information given before
- b) Adopt the Draft updated Terms of Reference Composition and Work Programme of AFI/FMG

APPENDIX

TERMS OF REFERENCE COMPOSITION AND WORK PROGRAMME OF THE AFI FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP (AFI/FMG)

Terms of Reference:

The FMG works within the terms of reference of the APIRG, on the matters related to the aviation radio frequency spectrum that are included in the following task list in co-ordination with other relevant international organizations.

Composition of AFI State: Angola, Algeria , Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi , Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroun, Cape Verde, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea , Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guinée Equatoriale, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Seychelles, South Africa, Tunisia, RCA Rwanda, Sao Tome et Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland , Tanzania, Tchad, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, France, Britain, Spain

Work Programme:

| | Ref. | Title/Brief description | Deliverables | Action by | Target Date |
|---|-------------|---|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | GPI 23 | Aviation Spectrum requirements | Monitor and report to APIRG the status of available capacity in the various aviation bands | FMG | On-going |
| 2 | GPI 23 | Frequency planning | Ensure the effective operation of the coordination process for the necessary agreement to make new frequency assignments | FMG | On-going |
| 3 | GPI 23 | Coordinate with other agencies to protect aviation spectrum | Coordinate activities for the conduct of the 'block planning' process to provide for new frequency requirements which can only be satisfied by the relocation of existing assignments | FMG | On-going |
| 4 | GPI 23 | Table COM 3 maintenance | Maintain a parallel draft TABLE COM 3 until merging with the ICAO table is completed with refinement of COM3 Tables at the next stage | Study Group, ICAO | On-going |
| 5 | GPI 23 | Support for ICAO Position at WRC meeting | Ensure AFI States support ICAO at ITU meetings | FMG | On-going |