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Information Management/Search and Rescue Sub-Group  
(ATM/AIM/SAR SG/12)  
(Dakar, Senegal, 25 - 29 July 2011)**

**Agenda Item 2: Follow-up on RAN Recommendations, APIRG Conclusions and Decisions**

**FOLLOW-UP ON APIRG CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE SUB-GROUP**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents the Conclusions and Decisions formulated within the frameworks of APIRG, for review, follow up action, and update as necessary.

Action by the meeting is at **paragraph 3**.

**REFERENCES**

- SP AFI/08 RAN Report
- APIRG 17 Report
- PBN/GNSS TF/2

This Working Paper is related to Strategic Objectives: **A**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The APIRG/17 meeting, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso 2-6 August 2010 adopted 106 Conclusions and Decisions, of which 44 are applicable to the work of the ATM/AIM/SAR Sub-Group.

1.2 The Air Navigation Commission has commented that the number of Conclusions from APIRG/17 is too high. Furthermore, many Conclusions lacked implementation assertiveness.

1.3 As a start to the necessary consolidation and improvement of the APIRG Conclusions, the PBN/GNSS Task Force meeting in Dakar 13-15 June 2011, inter alia, reviewed and proposed consolidation and improvement of the APIRG/17 Conclusions applicable to the PBN/GNSS Task Force.

## 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 In order to meet the requirements of performance monitoring in accordance with the ICAO Business Plan, APIRG and its subsidiary bodies have developed a systematic follow up action plan in order to avoid oversight and duplication of Conclusions and Recommendations, whilst ensuring efficiency within APIRG.

2.2 In conforming to this process, Conclusions and Decisions within the framework of APIRG that are relevant to the work of the Sub-Group including Draft Conclusions emanating from the PBN/GNSS TF/2 Meeting, have been reflected in the Appendixes to this working paper: **Appendix A** (APIRG/17) and **Appendix B** (PBN/GNSS TF/2 Draft Conclusions), for consideration by the meeting.

2.3 The meeting may wish to know that, the Regional Offices circulated to States the APIRG/17 Conclusions and Decision applicable to the Sub-Group, and provided a form on which information regarding the status of implementation as well as impediment thereto, where applicable, could be provided. Many States have not yet responded.

2.4 While some States are yet to provide responses with regard to the status of implementation of the APIRG/17 Conclusions, it is noted that many Conclusions are yet to be implemented, some due to their medium to long term nature.

2.5 The meeting may wish to acknowledge that the high number of Conclusions has an undesirable effect. Amongst others, they present a challenge with regard to implementation prioritization and follow up. This effect may further be exacerbated by the language in the Conclusion, which lacks implementation clarity.

2.6 In view of the above, instead of addressing issues on each conclusion under their respective agenda items, the meeting may wish to take time to review each of the Conclusions together with the agenda item to which it applies, with objective to:

- a) identify to the extent practical issues that may constitute impediments to implementation and propose solutions;
- b) in order facilitate focus and prioritization, draft amended Conclusions for APIRG, to:
  - 1) merge Conclusions or Decisions with others that are considered similar or closely related
  - 2) identify those that are adequately addressed by other Conclusions, Decisions, procedures, or activities
  - 3) identify those that may be included in the terms of reference and work programmes of relevant APIRG subsidiary bodies and those that can be included in the APIRG handbook to serve general purposes;
  - 4) improve the quality of existing Conclusions pursuant to comments from the ANC;
  - 5) substantially reduce the number of existing Conclusions; and

- c) establish the language in existing Conclusions with or without modification would address new issues, in order to limit the number of new Draft Conclusions and Decisions.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information this working paper
- b) review the Conclusions and follow-up action thereon at **Appendixes A and B** to this working paper;
- c) take action as in paragraph 2.6 of this working paper

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