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## INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

### Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/27)

5 - 6 November 2024

#### Agenda Item 4: Items for coordination with the RASG-AFI

*(Presented by Secretariat)*

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
This paper presents items for consideration between APIRG and RASG-AFI for consideration.	
<b>Action by the Meeting is at paragraph 3</b>	
<b>References:</b>	<b>REFERENCE(S)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APIRG and RASG Procedural Handbooks</li> <li>• ICAO Council Decision C-DEC 210/4</li> <li>• TORs of APIRGs and RASGs</li> <li>• Global PIRG/RASG Coordination Forum</li> <li>• APIRG/26 Report.</li> </ul>
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	<b>A</b> - Safety, <b>B</b> - Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency, <b>D</b> - Economic Development of Air Transport, and <b>E</b> - Environmental Protection

## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The meeting will recall that the alignment of the meeting schedules of the Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) was agreed by the 40th assembly of the ICAO Council for effective reporting to respective governing bodies.
- 1.2 The Assembly required that the report should be provided in a standardized format with clear identification of regional and emerging challenges including items for coordination with the RASG in a summarized format.

## **2. DISCUSSION**

- 2.1. It was noted that inadequate national regulations to support some of the APIRG conclusions/decisions, which contributes to the low implementation in some areas. These include regulations in support of but not limited to SLOP, flexible use of airspace, search and rescue, interoperability of ANS systems, reporting of ATS incidents, space weather information. There is a need for RASG-AFI to support States in expediting the development and implementation of national regulations in the areas that need so.
- 2.2. Several ongoing activities are carried out by ARMA for the AFI region. It was noted that ARMA has developed a RVSM guidance material for the Africa Indian Ocean which would be beneficial for regional adoption. States were guided to review and provide their contributions to improve the document and ARMA to submit the consolidated final draft version of the guidance material for endorsement by APIRG by 30 July 2025. Coordination with RASG -AFI may help to achieve this objective.
- 2.3. The status of the implementation of the protocol questions related to Basic Building Blocks (BBBs) as shown on the USOAP-CMA OLF range from 34% to 68% in the region, which may require support from RASG-AFI to increase the capacity of States to regulate and oversee the implementation of the BBBs.

## **3 ACTION BY THE MEETING**

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
  - a) Take note of the information provided in this paper;
  - b) Request the RASG-AFI and its contributory bodies to take actions as appropriate; and
  - c) Provide further guidance as needed.

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