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SUPPLY CHAIN WORKING GROUP
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REPORT ON PAPU/AFRAA TASK FORCE

Subject Report on PAPU-AFRAA Task Force	References/Paragraphs Resolution No.03 PAPU/AC/XXXV1/2017 Resolution No. 02 PAPU/AC/XXXVIII/2019 Operations and Technology Committee Report. February 2022
Decision expected The Working Group is expected to <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Review the report and guide the work of the Task Force;ii. Report to the Committee	

1.0 BACKGROUND

The re-establishment of the PAPU/AFRAA Contact Committee was directed by the 36th Administrative Council (AC) vide Resolution No.03 PAPU/AC/XXXV1/2017. Furthermore, Resolution No. 02 PAPU/AC/XXXVIII/2019 was made by the 38th Administrative Council in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso to re-constitute the PAPU/ AFRAA contact committee to address the challenges being faced by African posts in mail transmission.

At its inaugural meeting, the Operations and Technology Committee (OTC) resolved that the Contact Committee be established as a Task Force under the Supply Chain Working Group. The work of the Task Force will be on deliberations on issues relating to the air transportation of mail in Africa. The Task Force will consist of representatives from the five (5) African sub-regions as well as representatives from the African Airlines Association (AFRAA).

Postal representatives to the Task Force have been nominated from Algeria, Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa.

2.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToRs)

The terms of reference for the Task Force are as follows:

- i. Ensure quality of service improvement in international mail circulation to minimize mail transportation delays;
- ii. Review safety and security in mail transportation in compliance with international security rules and regulations;
- iii. Conscientize Member States to comply with customs and aviation rules and regulations to ensure that prohibited goods are not admitted in the post and that restricted ones adhere to set conditions, among other things;
- iv. Share information and experience on developments at UPU/IATA and UPU/ICAO, UPU/WCO level, and radiate international best practices in the air transport industry to other Members;
- v. Monitor sharing of information on flight schedules to ensure that mail does not suffer unnecessary delays due to flight schedule changes;
- vi. Facilitate training of staff to equip them with necessary knowledge and skills on various aspects of the mail conveyance value chain to include:
 - a. Mail handling (to equip officials who handle mail, especially at airports/ hubs);
 - b. Mail security.
- vii. Encourage Designated Operators to take all measures to avoid mail conveyance embargos by:
 - a. Settling bills timeously;
 - b. Negotiating affordable mail conveyance rates in line with UPU/IATA guidelines etc.
- viii. Facilitate the exchange of Electronic Advance Data (EAD) between Airlines and Designated Operators in line with UPU regulations.

3.0 PAPU/AFRAA ACTIVITIES

3.1 Collaboration

An introductory meeting was held with AFRAA on 8th December, 2021, in which the PAPU General Secretariat and AFRAA Management discussed collaboration between the two organizations.

Apart from the many issues discussed, the key take-aways from the meeting were as follows:

- The two parties should continue reviewing the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to incorporate developments in the business environment;
- An action plan for the year 2022 should be jointly drafted by the staff in the Operations Departments of both organizations.

3.2 Meetings

The Operations Departments of both organizations held two meetings which discussed the following matters among other issues:

- Identified areas of collaboration;
- Proposed Action Plan on areas of collaboration;
- Reviewed the of MoU of PAPU and AFRAA;
- Considered Airline concerns;
- Membership to the PAPU- AFRAA Task Force;
- Agreed on Invitation to the two organizations' meetings.

3.3 AFRAA Route Network and Cargo Committee Meeting

AFRAA Network and Cargo Committee held its meeting on 5th April 2022. The meeting was attended by airline and civil aviation representatives to discuss the following among others:

- Intra-African connectivity;
- Africa Air Cargo market review;
- PAPU- AFRAA collaboration and Action Plan etc.

The PAPU General Secretariat attended the Committee meeting and made a presentation on the PAPU- AFRAA collaboration and Action Plan.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- The work of the Task Force is vital in addressing challenges faced by Member States in mail transmission in Africa hence its work will go a long way in improving quality of service.
- Once the airlines representatives are received, the Task Force should hold its first meeting and commence its work in line with its Terms of Reference