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GLOBAL REPORTING FORMAT:
The ATC operational perspective

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- Is the global voice of Air Traffic Controllers
- 133 Member associations , represent more than 50 000 ATCOs worldwide
- 46 member Associations in Africa and Middle East

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Reality

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Why ATC needs GRF?

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- Situational awareness
- Anticipation of behaviours
- Planning purposes, trends
- Facilitating the flow of air traffic
- Safety

Harmonization is the key!

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- For towers, but for approach and area as well
- Provide a standardized service to our customers
- Some crews are not necessarily familiar with the local conditions or the terms used
- Very little time to prepare in some cases
- Information needs to be unambiguous and easily decoded and understood

But why?

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- Message has to be 100% clear
- Precise idea of what the runway will look like for the crew
- Controllers (and crews) expect a certain format, in a certain order
- No room for interpretation

What if a non-standard format is used?

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- Ambiguity: difficulties to understand, information missing
- Interpretation: which means possible confusion
- Time: need to search for meaning, distraction, workload
- Same applies for flight crews

Why reports are so important for ATC

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- To anticipate and manage the flow of air traffic
- To help minimize delays
- To manage staffing, sectors openings, etc.
- Identify which airports remain valid alternates
- Assist crews in their decision making process

Promulgation

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- Inadequate promulgation of reports can have a huge impact on ATC
- Automated system/software for data entry, automatic error detection, ease of use, rapidity of transmission

Coordination

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- Transparent processing of reports
- Sent immediately after completion
- No manual intervention required
- Timing is crucial
- Get the right information to the right users

And what about training?

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- Reports: by whom, how are they transmitted
- New GRF reports: format, sequence
- Changes in the terms used
- Decode and transmit in a standardized manner
- Resources available for further information

Summary

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- Many factors, many stakeholders
- Accurate, timely, standardized is the key
- Controller and pilots expect a certain format, in a certain order
- Global implementation is essential!

Standardized, Timely and Accurate

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