

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION  
NORTH AMERICAN, CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN OFFICE**

**FOURTH MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF CIVIL AVIATION  
OF THE CENTRAL CARIBBEAN (C/CAR/DCA/4)**

(Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, 17-20 May 2000)

**Agenda Item 11: CNS CAR/SAM 01/00 Informal Meeting**

**PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR THE CNS CAR/SAM 01/00 INFORMAL MEETING**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**Summary**

This Working Paper summarizes the background of the decision to hold the “CAR/SAM 01/00 CNS Informal Meeting” and provides information on the necessary steps to prepare it. The C/CAR States/Territories located along the SAM Region boundaries are invited to take note of the preparatory work for the forthcoming meeting and to take actions, in order to propose solutions to fulfill with AFS communications requirements among users of different digital communications networks.

**1. Introduction**

1.1. Conclusion 6/16 from MEVA/6 Meeting, held in Varadero, Cuba, 19 – 20 April 1999, requested that a technical group from both CAR and SAM Regions be constituted to integrate the current and planned regional digital networks. MEVA Members nominated technical experts that will participate in the mentioned group. The NACC ICAO Regional Office made the coordination with the SAM ICAO Office in order to convoke the aforementioned CAR/SAM Technical Group, but it was not possible to hold during the year 1999.

1.2 The CAR/SAM/3 RAN Meeting, held in Buenos Aires, from 5 to 15 October 1999 agreed in Conclusions 9/8 and 13/28, to review the current and further development and capacities of regional and domestic digital networks of CAR and SAM border, and formulated solutions to meet AFS communication requirements among users from different digital communication networks.

1.3 In light of the above mentioned Conclusions from the CAR/SAM/3 RAN Meeting, ICAO is proposing to have a “*CAR/SAM 01/00 CNS Informal Meeting*”, which will be held in Mexico City from 26 to 29 June 2000. The Invitation Letter was addressed to CAR/SAM States/Territories/Organizations located in the border of CAR and SAM Regions (Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, Panama, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Venezuela and COCESNA).

1.4 The Third MEVA Informal Working Group Meeting, held in Miami, Florida, 22-24 March 2000, formed a Committee of Technical specialists, in order to study solutions for connectivity from MEVA Network to other digital communication networks, and to prepare information regarding the review of MEVA Network planning.

## **2. Discussion**

2.1 In order to prepare C/CAR States/Territories that are in the SAM Region boundaries for the “*CAR/SAM 01/00 CNS Informal Meeting*”, it is recommended that the Meeting adopts appropriate actions to participate in the meeting, such as proposing solutions to fulfill with the AFS Communication requirements with the States from the SAM Region that use different regional or domestic digital communication networks (MEVA, E/CAR, COCESNA, REDDIG, Colombian’s Network, and other).

## **3. Suggested Action**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) take note of the information presented in this working paper;
- b) agree that the Technical Specialists Committee from the MEVA Informal Working Group present directly to the “*CAR/SAM 01/00 CNS Informal Meeting*” the results of their study of solution for connectivity from MEVA Network to other digital communication networks, and the information regarding the new MEVA Network planning; and
- c) recommend to C/CAR States/Territories located in the SAM Region boundaries to study the outstanding problems; to participate in the forthcoming “*CAR/SAM 01/00 CNS Informal Meeting*”; and to propose a solution to fulfill their AFS Communication requirements with the States of the SAM Region that use different digital communication networks.