



**3rd ANI/WG GOLD TaskForce Teleconference  
(13 January 2014, 2000 UTC)**

**References:**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> ANI/WG GOLD TF Teleconference
2. GOLD version 2 Document and its Appendix E

**Purpose and agenda:** record any significant differences between current and anticipated data link practices within the NAM/CAR Regions and what is contained in the GOLD (2nd Edition). And follow-up work programme activities

**Participants:**

- Canada: Noel Dwyer (Rapporteur)
- COCESNA: Mayda Avila, Moises Cukier
- United States: Steven Pinkerton
- ICAO: Julio Slu

**Discussions:**

1. The participants were briefed on discussion from the previous teleconference. COCESNA, the United States and Trinidad and Tobago indicated that no major regional differences were identified from what is currently written in the GOLD document. ICAO indicated that the current GOLD Document Appendix E tables contains the latest information/planning of the CAR/NAM States as was exchanged in 2013. In accordance with the responsibilities outlined for it by the NAM/CAR Air Navigation Implementation Working Group (ANI/WG) to support global harmonization of data link application usage through examination of the Global Operational Data Link Document (GOLD, Version 2) for applicability in the NAM/CAR Regions, and to also identify any potential regional differences, the ANI/WG GOLD TaskForce (TF), having determined no operational obstacles to its use, agreed to recommend adoption of the GOLD, Version 2 as the guidance material for data link procedures in the NAM/CAR Regions. In this regard, the Meeting agreed to propose to the ANI/WG and particularly to the upcoming NACC/WG/4 Meeting the following conclusion:

***Conclusion NACC/WG/04/xx Adoption of the GOLD Document version 2 for data link applications in the NAM and CAR Regions***

That, in order to promote and facilitate the implementation of data link applications in the NAM and CAR Regions, that the States and Territories of the NAM/CAR Regions adopt the GOLD Document version 2, as the guidance material and reference document for the implementation of data link applications.

2. Trinidad and Tobago and COCESNA manifested that they are at an early stage in implementing data link application and a major interest is on the implementation of CPDLC applications in the oceanic airspace. COCESNA indicated that they are preparing trial in CPDLC in coordination with several South Pacific airlines like COPA, AVIANCA, LAN and TAM, so one major input being requested is a sample of trial /test protocols to use. Canada indicated their experience from the NAT region and willingness to assist in this matter. In this regard, COCESNA and Trinidad suggested to extent the scope of the GOLD Taskforce to activities to provide assistance for the implementation with Canada leading this task.

3. ICAO informed the participants that an Automation Workshop where issues like AIDC, CPDLC and other data processing application is planned for the week of 21 to 24 April at the NACC Office in Mexico, so the GOLD TF member States/Organizations have been considered for presenting the CPDLC matters. Similarly for the day after the workshop, the AIDC and the members are invited to have face-to-face meetings and progress on their assigned tasks.
4. Canada expressed their support for the workshop on Automation with their CPDLC experience (lessons learned, test procedures, operational implementation and transition, etc.). In this regard the participants agreed to participate in the workshop where able.
5. Due to the above, the participants concluded that the current GOLD TF work programme had finished, but agreed a new deliverable should be suggested to the ANI/WG to provide a means of continued support for data link implementation to newly implementing States/Organizations. The new entity would provide assistance and support the coordination of the implementation of CPDLC applications and extend certain aspects of the current GOLD TF work programme until the end of 2015. It is suggested that a new work programme could be drafted and revised Terms of Reference be proposed to the NACC/WG/04 Meeting. **ACT 03/01:** GOLD TF to suggest to the NACC/WG/04 Meeting a revised ToR and workprogramme for assisting CPDLC implementation, presenting a Working Paper on this matter and the progress made by the GOLD Task Force. **ACT 03/02:** GOLD TF member States/Organizations to consider and encourage participation in the March 2014 ICAO Automation Workshop on CPDLC implementation. **ACT 03/03** To assist in future implementation support initiatives. Trinidad and Tobago, COCESNA and United States to inform on their CPDLC timelines by 30 January 2014.

**Next meeting:** TBD (if required)