

FOURTH MEETING OF THE ALLPIRG/ADVISORY GROUP**(Montreal, 6 – 8 February 2001)****Agenda Item 2.1: Interregional coordination and harmonization mechanism – Harmonization of air navigation systems****INTERFACE PROBLEMS AND RESOLUTIONS AS A RESULT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES****(Presented by the Secretariat)****SUMMARY**

This document suggests that interregional cooperation could be significantly improved if inter-regional meetings specifically dedicated to interface areas would be periodically organized.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 There is an obvious need for interregional cooperation, in particular between neighbouring regions, in various fields of ATM and everyday operations. This cooperation has two aspects:

- a) cooperation between regional offices; and
- b) cooperation between States.

1.2 Cooperation between the EUR/NAT Office and neighbouring regional offices was carried out in the past basically through correspondence.

1.3 Cooperation between States concerned was carried out either through bilateral meetings or through participation in relevant meetings organized within the neighbouring regions.

1.4 In the above context, invitation letters for specific ICAO meeting in one region were usually addressed to the concerned States from the neighbouring regions (as was the case with SWACG, TARTAR, EAAR, RACGAT, ITASPS and other meetings).

1.5 Relatively poor attendance at these meetings by States from the neighbouring regions could be explained by the fact that the agendas for these meetings usually covered a large spectrum of regional problems and only a few that the States from neighbouring regions were interested in. Therefore,

they considered that their participation in these meetings would not be cost-efficient and consequently did not participate.

1.6 Additional negative factors were of a political nature, and obviously very difficult to influence.

1.7 The ALLPIRG/Advisory Group may wish to consider the possibility of organizing periodically (e.g. once per year), meetings of neighbouring States of two or more regions, with the agenda covering only issues of their common interest.

1.8 These issues should cover, *inter alia*:

- a) Letters of Agreement;
- b) various contingency plans and procedures;
- c) coherent ATS route planning in the interface areas;
- d) resolution of technical problems (COM, sharing of radar data, etc.);
- e) implementation of specific longitudinal separation minimum;
- f) use of radar in general; and
- g) RVSM.

1.9 The proposed meetings should be organized by regional offices, in turn, preferably in their own premises.

1.10 The opportunity of these meetings should be used by the ‘guest Regional Officers’ to spend a day or two in the ‘host regional office’ and become acquainted with specific problems, procedures and personnel, thus significantly facilitating and improving future cooperation between neighbouring regions.

2. ACTION BY ALLPIRG

2.1 The group is invited to agree in principal that interregional meetings dedicated solely to the interface problems of the neighbouring States and/or neighbouring regions as a whole should be periodically organized by the regional offices concerned.