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Agenda Item 3: Specific Air Navigation Activities and Developments
3.6 Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS)

CNS DEFICIENCIES - HF COMMUNICATIONS (PIARCO FIR)

(Presented by Trinidad and Tobago)

SUMMARY

This Working Paper advises the E/CAR IWG of the work done by Trinidad and Tobago with regard to resolution of the problem of deficiency in communication using HF/SSB in the Piarco FIR/UIR.

References:

- Summary of Discussions and Conclusions.26th Eastern Caribbean Informal Working Group Meeting, Barbados, 2002
- E/CAR IWG Conclusion 25/10

1. Introduction.

1.1 The following is reiterated for the reference of the Meeting.

Discussion as stated in para. 4.4 of the Report of the 26th Meeting of the Eastern Caribbean Informal Working Group held in Barbados on 3 - 7 June, 2002 :

- Discussions were held in Trinidad and Tobago with senior personnel of the ICAO Procurement Section in order that technical assistance may be achieved in a timely manner with respect to procurement and request for funds, which has been made to the appropriate authority in order to conclude the transaction.

2. Discussion

2.1 Trinidad and Tobago, as custodian of the Piarco Flight Information Region, and with commensurate responsibility for aeronautical communications in the Oceanic areas, held discussions with the ICAO Procurement Section in Montreal, in order that technical assistance be provided with respect to procurement of HF equipment.

2.2 Arising from an international tendering process, Trinidad and Tobago has entered into a contract with THALES to supply and install HF equipment for Piarco. Work is currently in progress on this project, total costs well in excess of US \$1,000,000.00.

2.3 Completion date is expected to be 2004 February 27.

2.4 In the meantime, there exists an arrangement with United States company, Aeronautical Radio Inc., where that company's New York Radio facility will relay the required ATC reporting and/or flight information exchange to Piarco, when flights are unable to contact Piarco Radio on HF.

2.5 The arrangement is published in AIP Supplement 07/03 dated 2003 May 01.

3. Conclusion

3.1 Trinidad and Tobago fully accepts responsibility for the provision of a safe and reliable service in the airspace entrusted to it, as custodian of the Piarco FIR/UIR.

3.2 It is committed to the provision of a satisfactory service in the shortest possible time after the interim arrangements.

4. Suggested action

4.1 The Meeting is invited to take note of the contents of this Working Paper.