

Agenda Item 3: Specific Air Navigation Activities and Developments
3.2 Aeronautical Information Services (AIS)

REPORT OF THE E/CAR AIS COMMITTEE

(Presented by the Rapporteur of the AIS Committee, Barbados)

SUMMARY

This Working Paper presents the activities of the AIS Committee since the last E/CAR IWG Meeting.

1. Introduction

1.1 There were no formal meetings of the AIS Committee since the last ECWG Meeting. However, telephone contact and discussions took place with Trinidad and Tobago and with InterCaribbean Aeronautical Telecommunications Ltd on matters pertaining to the respective agencies. Following is a summary of the discussions.

2. Conclusion 26/7 - AIS Integrated Automation /System and AIS Quality Assurance Implementation Plan.

a) Implementation of the AIS Automation Plan.

2.1 Trinidad and Tobago, the AFTN centre for the ECAR is continuing the process towards the full implementation of the AIS Automation Plan. At present, there is a limited automated NOTAM database for the retrieval of NOTAM and checklist. However, this system does not meet the requirements with respect to the common procedures for interrogating NOTAM databases as contained in the Common Operating Procedures Manual for an Integrated AIS System in the CAR/SAM Region. It is expected that this shortcoming will be corrected by November 2004.

2.2 Trinidad and Tobago will be submitting a paper on this issue at the upcoming E/CARWG Meeting in Antigua.

b) Implementation of the AIS Quality Assurance Plan.

2.3 ECAR States are still in the dark as to the way forward with the implementation of the AIS Quality Assurance Plan. No information has been forthcoming as regards the commitment by the ICAO NACC Regional Office in providing guidance to States for the implementation of the Plan, as was expected to come out of the AIS/MAP SG/8 meeting held in ICAO Lima office, 22 to 26 July 2002.

3. Conclusion 26/9 - E-Mail Support for AIS.

3.1 The provision of facilities for E-Mail support for States in the ECAR area will be given active consideration by Inter-caribbean Aeronautical Communications Ltd (IACL) during the 3rd quarter of this year. IACL has pledged that implementation of the E-mail support should occur during the 4th quarter of 2003.

4. Conclusion 26/10 - Adopt the inventory Questionnaire for the WGS-84 Implementation Status.

4.1 Individual States have been contacted reference the completion of this item. To date only Martinique has completed and submitted the questionnaire. Trinidad and Tobago has partially completed and will endeavour to have the forms fully completed by the beginning of the meeting in Antigua. Barbados has not completed the form but will try to do so in time for the meeting. No definite information as to the status of the forms has been received from Grenada, St. Kitts, St. Lucia nor St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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