



Agenda Item 3: Air Navigation Services
3.1 CNS/ATM

ATM CONTINGENCY PLANS

(Presented by COCESNA)

SUMMARY

In this working paper is exposed the present status of the actions made for the establishment of ATM Contingency Plans in Central American and adjacent States to the Central America FIR, also the actions taken for this intention that COCESNA has made.

1. Introduction

1.1 ATM Contingency Plans have as aim to establish temporary procedures that allows successfully confront an extraordinary situation that could affect the safety, efficiency, and regularity of flights. These plans of Contingency should permit the continuous benefit of services ATS in case of partial or total interruption of the Air Traffic Services (ATS).

2. Establishment of ATM Contingency Plans

2.1 In order to fulfill requirement of the ICAO to establish the referred Plans of Contingency ATM, COCESNA has made the corresponding coordinations with different States from the Central America FIR and with those adjacent States.

Within the process of implantation of these Plans of Contingency, COCESNA elaborated the Regional ATM Contingency for Central America, which was presented in the 91 Meeting of Civil Aviation Directors of Central America and Panama.

In this Plan they settle down lineaments so that Central American States and COCESNA develop his own Plans of Contingency.

2.2 Within aspects contained in these Plans of Contingency, emphasize operational procedures of contingency related to the use in coordinated way of special operative procedures ATC, routes of flight alternative, systems and equipment CNS, etc.

3. Current Status of the implantation of the Plans of Contingency ATM of COCESNA

3.1 The current status of the actions made by COCESNA for implantation of the Plans of Contingency ATM is the following one:

COCESNA has signed Plans of Contingency with following states:

- a) Guatemala
- b) Nicaragua
- c) Costa Rica

COCESNA sent rough drafts of the Plans of Contingency ATM to following States:

- a) El Salvador
- b) Belize
- c) Honduras

At the moment it is in the extreme of advance elaboration of rough drafts of the Plans of Contingency with the following adjacent states:

- a) Mexico
- b) Cuba
- c) Jamaica
- d) Panamá
- e) Colombia
- f) Ecuador

.3.2 Control center Backup for CENAMER ACC/FIC

COCESNA, like part of its Plan of Contingency and considering that the services of I journey aerial which they operate under their responsibility could be seen affected in partial or total form due to natural disasters, catastrophes, failure of the equipment and systems etc., it has implemented a Backup system of the Control Center CENAMER located at the Central American Institute of Aeronautical Training (ICCAE) facilities, in the city of San Salvador, El Salvador, which at the moment is in period of final tests to be in control service of air traffic in case of an interruption of the services provided by the Control center located in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

4. Suggested Action

The Meeting is invited to:

- a) To take note from content of this working paper.
- b) That the states that still did not have completed the implantation process of the Plans of Contingency takes the pertinent actions in order that implement the contingency plans that to the date have not been subscribed between dependencies ATS of Central America and adjacents.