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Caribbean Radar Data Sharing Adhoc Group Meetings**
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Martinique, French Antilles, France, 17 to 18 June 2013

Agenda Item 4: Other Business

E/CAR/NTG FUTURE MEETINGS AND UPDATE TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Presented by E/CAR/NTG Rapporteur)

SUMMARY	
This paper discusses the future meetings of the E/CAR/NTG and the need to update the E/CAR/NTG Terms of Reference.	
References:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Third Meeting of the Eastern Caribbean Network Technical Group (E/CAR/NTG/3) (Christ Church, Barbados, 5 to 6 June, 2012)	
Strategic Objectives	<i>This working paper is related to Strategic Objectives: A. Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety C. Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 There have been three previous E/CAR/NTG meetings. The previous meetings have been held annually since 2010, hosted by Trinidad and Tobago in 2010 and 2011, Barbados in 2012 and this fourth meeting by Martinique in 2013.

1.2 Ever mindful of the challenges faced by States to fund participation at meetings, the last two NTG meetings were combined with E/CAR/WG meetings. Similarly this NTG meeting is combined with the E/CAR/CATG/1 meeting.

1.3 The annual E/CAR/NTG meetings have proven to be very productive and effective, rapidly solving problems like the original E/CAR AFS Network issues, the implementation of the MPLS Network, the implementation of failure reporting features; facilitate coordination on new services implementation and to establish awareness and conscience on the network health, changes and expansion.

2. Discussion

E/CAR/NTG FUTURE MEETINGS

2.1 The Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Technical Group (E/CAR/CATG) established by the Eastern Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation (E/CAR/DCA) under the action of E/CAR/DCA Conclusion 24/7 has replaced the Eastern Caribbean Working Group (E/CAR/WG). The first meeting of the E/CAR/CATG is scheduled for 19-21 June 2013 and in accordance with the E/CAR/WG rotation of meetings schedule is being held in Martinique.

2.2 Pending the outcome of discussions at the CATG/01 Meeting, on whether to form a new rotation of meetings schedule or to continue with the rotation as scheduled by the E/CAR/WG, the NTG can continue in the manner of combining the annual meetings.

2.3 Notwithstanding the annual meetings, Trinidad and Tobago proposes to hold periodic teleconferences hosted by the E/CAR AFS Network provider, Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT) with the support of the ICAO NACC Regional Office.

2.4 The Eastern Caribbean Network Technical Group (E/CAR/NTG) Terms of Reference, in its working method indicates about the use of teleconferences and holding meetings when necessary for E/CAR/NTG to co-ordinate and advance its works maximizing efficiency and reducing costs.

UPDATE TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.5 The E/CAR/NTG's terms of reference were approved by the E/CAR/DCA/22 Meeting, Decision 22/6, to accomplish the following main objectives:

- a) analysis and monitoring of the status of the current E/CAR AFS Network;
- b) recommend measures to improve reliability of the E/CAR AFS Network for the immediate/near term; and
- c) study, analyze and follow-up on the planning, documentation and implementation of the replacement of the existing E/CAR AFS Network.

2.6 Considering the progress and achievements of the E/CAR/NTG, the change of the E/CAR/WG to E/CAR/CATG and the changes to the E/CAR/NTG membership and its working method, a review and update, as needed, is suggested for the E/CAR DCAs approval.

2.7 The valid Terms of Reference of the E/CAR/NTG are available at: <http://www.mexico.icao.int/RegionalGroups/ECARWG/ECARNTGTORS.pdf>

3. Suggested actions

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review the proposal for future meetings and teleconferences;
- b) propose a State/Territory to host the next annual E/CAR/NTG Meeting preferably the one to host the next E/CAR/CATG Meeting;
- c) agree on the periodicity, report and methodology for the periodic teleconferences;
- d) review and update the existing E/CAR/NTG Terms of Reference; and
- e) agree to any other actions as deemed appropriate.