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Purpose and agenda:

Statement of purpose: Plan activities for 2016

- 1 Review of results of last data collection.
- 2 Review of goals for 2016
- 3 Review of work programme
- 4 Face to face meeting
- 5 Other matters.

Participants:

1. Dominican Republic: Fernando Casso (rapporteur)
2. Jamaica: Maxine Allen
3. Mexico: Margarita Rangel (SENEAM), Daniel Castañeda (DGAC)
4. Trinidad and Tobago: Ricky Bissessar
5. United States: Dan Eaves
6. COCESNA: Mayda Avila
7. ICAO: Julio Siu

Discussions:

Review results of last data collection

1. The graphs from the last data analysis were reviewed, showing an improvement in the volume of duplicates since the last data collection.
2. Since the analysis, several actions have been taken by different States to correct and improve the sending of flight plan data:
 - 2.1. PIARCO has been looking into duplication situations from Martinique and Guadeloupe, and has resolved implementing a policy of accepting flight plans at the PIARCO address, instead of the individual states' address, and then copying these messages to the destination states, much like how it will work when the Central Processing System goes operational. The Central Processing System is scheduled to begin operations by the end of April.
 - 2.2. United States had the task of looking into the duplication cases originated from the Jeppesen flight planning page. The result did not show much impact from the users they discovered, so it was asked if there was some kind of list of the users that were found originating duplicates from this page. The rapporteur offered to send the data collection file which reflected exactly the originators of each duplicate message reported (**ACT 01/14**)
 - 2.3. COCESNA mentioned a software to be implemented that will reject duplicate and erroneous flight plans and generate error messages to the originator. This software will begin a test phase at the end of February, and fully operational in April. United States asked if the reason for the rejection will be sent to the originator in the rejection message, to which COCESNA answered positively. The rapporteur stressed the importance of acting upon a rejection message, given that in the event of not doing so, the flight plan will result as missing in the destination facility. COCESNA mentioned that they are aware that this can be a problem, and it will be important to get in contact with those originators. The rapporteur reminded the meeting of the contact list for airlines, which could help in correcting these rejected flight plans, and that the delays that may result from the rejection of flight plans will raise a flag to airlines on the situation. PIARCO suggested that there be a standard for rejection messages



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sent, which was well received by the meeting. To this end, several action items were agreed to work on standardization of these messages, as follows:

- a) Standardize rejection messages: USA, Cuba, COCESNA to provide examples of rejection messages, and then these can be modified or enhanced to a standard. (February 1st) (**ACT 02/14**)
 - b) Teleconference on February 26th to discuss the draft of standard rejection messages.
3. United States pointed out that there should be a future discussion of a common situation of different versions of flight plans being received, and being current in different facilities, which brings up much confusion. COCESNA will accept the first flight plan received. On the example of a flight plan only differing in departure time, the second flight plan would be accepted, but the error message would be sent to the originator indicating that there is a previous flight plan. United States explained that in their case the second flight plan would be checked to see if it was sent from the same originator as the first one, and if not an error message would be generated and the message rejected. Only the first originator can modify a flight plan. The rapporteur reminded the meeting of the recommended practice of first cancelling a flight plan and resending, in case of any modification, which will reduce the possibility of receiving multiple flight plans with differences.

Review of goals for 2016

4. For 2016, a maximum level of duplication was considered as the first goal, to establish a target for the year 2016. On the basis of the past collections and the time span of these, the goal 8000 or less duplicates for the whole region in a three weeks period was established, which represents a 50% reduction of the last analysis results. To this end, the following actions were agreed upon:
 - 4.1. Teleconference 13 April to discuss ANI/WG/3 and upcoming data collection (for follow up on goal)
 - 4.2. 1st data collection (April 25th, for three weeks, analysis and teleconference)
 - 4.3. Teleconference Aug. 25th to discuss upcoming data collection
 - 4.4. 2nd data collection (September 5th, for three weeks, analysis and teleconference).
5. COCESNA asked about what measures to implement in order to achieve the goal. It was considered that up to now the States have been effective in reducing duplicates, as per the analysis, and due to the upcoming implementations of COCESNA and PIARCO as examples, and continued work with the airlines. In that extent, continue working as up to now was encouraged.
6. COCESNA also brought up the need to address particularly the main offenders of flight plan duplicate origination. As the data collection has identified the call signs and originators, this information is currently available. COCESNA suggested that ICAO could be instrumental in cases when actions have been suggested but no results obtained, and that notifications be sent to those States that recurrently send duplicates.
7. United States stressed the importance of sharing lessons learned from other States that have implemented AIDC and have dealt with the erroneous flight plan issue.

Review of work programme

8. The pending actions from the last teleconference was reviewed, and only pending is the action of looking for a list of ANSP contacts, similar to the contact list for the operators.
9. The actions indicated for the standardization of reject messages and for the data collections of the year will be integrated into the work programme. (**ACT 03/14**)



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Face to face meeting

10. The rapporteur mentioned that, since COCESNA will be in test mode at the end of February, that their experience on what they encounter and the actions taken can be very good input for the the face to face meeting. Thus, it would be good to have the meeting some time after this date.
11. The rapporteur explained that the original idea for the face to face meeting was April 4th, before the ANI/WG/3 meeting, but since the ANI meeting was moved to begin precisely that same day, other options should be explored. PIARCO suggested that the face to face meeting be held on the two days after the ANI/WG/3 meeting, on the 7th and 8th of April, which was well received. The rapporteur will propose these dates to ICAO to consider the possibility of using them. **(ACT 04/14)**

Other Matters

12. There were no other matters discussed.

Review of Previous Action Items

ACT No.	Description	Status	Comments
01/13	Rapporteur to send to Marco Vidal the companies with the most duplicates, for assistance in mitigation	Valid	Due November 18 th
02/13	United States to investigate users of Jepessen flight plan page	On going	Due November 25 th .
03/13	Trinidad and Tobago will investigate and take corrective actions with duplicates originated from the addresses TTPBBWAO and TFFRZPZX	Completed	Due December 4 th
04/13	COCESNA will investigate and take corrective actions with duplicates originated from the address MGGTZPZX	On going	Due December 4 th .
05/13	The rapporteur will provide a contact in Bogotá to the United States to assist in correcting wrongly formatted CANCEL messages originating from Colombia.	Completed	Due November 20 th .
06/13	The rapporteur will investigate if there is a list of contacts for ANSP's and send them to the group	Valid	Due November 20 th .
07/13	The rapporteur will write to the ICAO CNS officer to see if data from this analysis can be presented to Guatemala CAA and help mitigate duplicates	Completed	Due November 18 th .

Summary of Action Items from this Meeting

ACT No.	Description	Status	Comments
ACT 01/14	The rapporteur to send to the member of the United States the data collection file which reflected exactly the originators of each duplicate message reported	Valid	Due Jan 21 st .
ACT 02/14	USA, Cuba, COCESNA to provide examples of rejection messages, and then these can be modified or enhanced to a standard	Valid	Due Feb 1 st .



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ACT No.	Description	Status	Comments
ACT 03/14	The rapporteur to Integrate the actions indicated for the standardization of reject messages and for the data collections of the year into the work programme	Valid	Due Feb 1 st .
ACT 04/14	The rapporteur will propose the dates of April 7 and 8 to ICAO for the face to face meeting	Valid	Due Jan 25 th .

Next meeting: February 26st at 1800 UTC.