



**PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION IN THE
ATLANTIC AREA BETWEEN THE SAT GROUP, NATSPG, APIRG AND GREPECAS MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: 12 October 2018

Time: 09h00 to 12h00

Opening and welcome

- Mr. Herman Pretorius (PCI) welcomed all the participants, including participants that connected via conference call to the meeting. Mr. Elkhana Nahmadov (D/RD EUR/NAT) facilitated the discussions, supported by Mr. Oscar Quesada (D/RD SAM), Prosper Zo'o Minto'o (D/RD WACAF), Julio Siu (D/RD NACC) and Mr. Arthemon, Ndikumana (D/RD ESAF). All the participants introduced themselves briefly. List of participants is attached.

1. Introduction and Discussion

- 1.1. Mr. Nahmadov provided the meeting with a brief history of the relevant discussions that took place since 2016 during the SAT, GREPECAS and NAT SPG meetings related to the need for enhanced coordination and cooperation between various ICAO Regional Offices and working arrangements involved in the planning and implementation activities in the high-seas airspace over the Atlantic Ocean.
- 1.2. It was made very clear by the participants that they do not support the creation of a separate Atlantic Coordination Group at this time. In addition, it was also recalled that any structural changes to the SAT Group will have to be discussed and agreed to by APIRG.
- 1.3. It was agreed to split the discussions into two topics:
 - a) a) the ACM on 31 January 2019, back-to-back with the NAT Vision 2030 workshop to be held on 29 to 30 January 2019 in Paris ; and
 - b) discussions related to the future of Atlantic coordination meeting as decided by the SAT/23 and post 31 January 2019 meeting.
- 1.4. The Meeting reiterated that the whole purpose of these activities was to improve and enhance the current working scheme of the parties involved in the Atlantic coordination and do not look to disband any of the current established coordination groups dealing with air traffic management over the Atlantic Ocean or establish a new group with additional bureaucratic layers.
- 1.5. The participant from the USA and meeting facilitator highlighted that it will be an ideal opportunity during the NAT Vision 2030 Workshop for the ANSPs in the SAT Area to meet in January 2019 and share experiences as the Atlantic airspace is affecting APIRG, GREPECAS, NAT/SPG and the SAT Group. There must be a seamless transition of traffic in the area. The SAT Group was invited to present their views and expectations for building a common and harmonized view for the Atlantic coordination.

- 1.6. The Meeting agreed that the Vision 2030 Workshop as already planned with the addition of a side-bar meeting on Atlantic coordination issues will lead to improved communication and coordination in the area. It will be possible to identify common issues amongst the role players and find ways to eliminate shortcomings related to coordination and communication. It was stressed that this side-bar meeting will not discuss any structural changes to any group.
- 1.7. It was highlighted that the State Letter of invitation to the Atlantic Coordination meeting on 31 January 2019 after the NAT 2030 Vision Workshop should clearly explain that this is a separate meeting to further improve communication, coordination and cooperation in the Atlantic area through a project based approach, and by sharing experiences and best practices.
- 1.8. It was agreed that there is an urgent need for all parties in the Atlantic area to identify and share their stakeholders as a first step. Thereafter, to decide on the most efficient way to avoid duplication of work, and to share success stories in a pragmatic way, without the creation of another group.
- 1.9. ASECNA specifically outlined all the work done to date by the SAT meetings and the Meeting and agreed that a project based approach should be followed. Examples of such projects include contingency planning, PBCS implementation and monitoring, airspace concepts, operational ATM issues and others.

2. It was agreed that :

- a) D/RDs involved will coordinate an invitation letter and draft agenda to be issued through the relevant ICAO Regional Offices;
- b) The agenda will focus on a project based approach to improve coordination, communication, timing, simultaneous implementation, priorities and common challenges in the Atlantic area; and
- c) States and Organizations shall be invited to contribute to the ACM agenda and related discussions with draft proposals for such joint projects.

Minutes of the Meeting

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