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THE COMBINED EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC IMPLEMENTATION MANAGEMENT GROUP (SAT IMG/EO) AND THE SOUTH ATLANTIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT GROUP (SAT SOG/EO)

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PART I: History of the meeting

1. Format, Duration and Objective of the Meeting

- 1.1. The Extraordinary Meetings of the South Atlantic Implementation Management Group (SAT IMG/EO) and the South Atlantic Safety Oversight Group (SAT SOG/EO) were held virtually on 18 September 2026. The meetings aimed to provide additional coordination and validation ahead of the implementation of Performance-Based Communication and Surveillance (PBCS) in the EUR/SAM Corridor, further to the conclusions of the Seventh Meeting of SAT IMG/SOG (SAT IMG/SOG/07).

2. Opening

- 2.1. The opening session comprised remarks delivered by Col. Jorge Avila, Chairperson of SAT SOG, Mr. Sanogo Adama, Chairperson of SAT IMG, Mr. Nika Manzi Meheza, ICAO WACAF Deputy Regional Director, and Mr. Richard Gatete, ICAO ESAF Deputy Regional Director.
- 2.2. Col. Jorge Avila, Chairperson of SAT SOG, welcomed participants and expressed appreciation for their continued dedication to the safety objectives of the South Atlantic Region. He emphasized the importance of the extraordinary meeting in ensuring that all safety aspects related to the implementation of PBCS in the EUR/SAM Corridor were fully addressed prior to implementation.
- 2.3. Mr. Sanogo Adama, Chairperson of SAT IMG, welcomed delegates and thanked ICAO and all participating organizations for their commitment to the implementation of activities within the SAT. He recalled the considerable efforts already undertaken by the SAT community to prepare for PBCS implementation and highlighted the importance of the meeting in validating the remaining coordination arrangements. He encouraged participants to engage actively in the discussions and to work towards consensus on the way forward, noting that the outcome of the meeting would be instrumental in informing the forthcoming implementation decision.
- 2.4. Mr. Nika Manzi Meheza, Deputy Regional Director of ICAO WACAF, thanked States, organizations and industry partners for facilitating the participation of their representatives in the extraordinary meeting. He highlighted the SAT framework as an exemplary model of interregional cooperation, bringing together experts and stakeholders from multiple ICAO regions to address common operational and safety objectives.

- 2.5. Mr. Richard Gatete, Deputy Regional Director of ICAO ESAF, welcomed participants on behalf of the President of the ICAO Council, the ICAO Secretary General and the Regional Director ESAF and expressed appreciation for their continued commitment to the safe and efficient development of air navigation in the South Atlantic Region. He highlighted the significance of PBCS implementation in enhancing operational performance, increasing airspace capacity and supporting the sustainable growth of international air transport across the South Atlantic. He concluded by wishing participants successful deliberations and productive outcomes before declaring open the combined extraordinary meetings of SAT IMG and SAT SOG.

3. Organization, Secretariat and attendance

- 3.1. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Sanogo Adama, Chairperson of SAT IMG.
- 3.2. Dr. Bedan Thendu, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management, ICAO ESAF, was the Secretary of the meeting, supported by:
- Mr. Serge Guy Tchanda, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management, ICAO WACAF;
 - Ms. Sandrine Gnassou, Regional Officer, CNS, ICAO WACAF;
 - Mr. Fernando Hermoza, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management, ICAO SAM;
 - Mr. Harvey Gabriel Lekamisy, Regional Officer, CNS, ICAO ESAF;
 - Mr. Fanfe Bamba, Regional Officer, AIM, ICAO WACAF.
- 3.3. The meeting was attended by fifty-three (53) participants from SAT Members States, Organizations and Observers. The list of participants is in **Appendix 1**.

4. Working languages

- 4.1. The meeting was conducted in English, and the documentation was presented in this language.

5. Agenda of the meeting

- 5.1. The meeting adopted the following agenda and discussed its items in accordance with the order of business established for the plenary.

Agenda Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and work programme
Agenda Item 2	Status of PBCS implementation readiness in the EUR/SAM corridor
Agenda Item 3	PBCS monitoring and reporting: guidance and implementation considerations
Agenda Item 4	Review of the outcomes of SAT SOG/EO & SAT IMG/EO
Agenda Item 5	AOB
Agenda Item 6	Closing

PART II: REPORT ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME

The meeting agenda and work programme were adopted as proposed.

AGENDA ITEM 2. STATUS OF PBCS IMPLEMENTATION READINESS IN THE EUR/SAM CORRIDOR

- 2.1. Under this agenda item, participants reviewed the status of readiness for PBCS implementation in the EUR/SAM Corridor. States, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) and other stakeholders provided updates on progress achieved, shared feedback on implementation activities, and highlighted remaining challenges requiring attention prior to implementation.
- 2.2. Cabo Verde raised an issue concerning an apparent discrepancy in the implementation of Performance-Based Communication and Surveillance (PBCS) longitudinal separation within the EUR/SAM corridor. It was noted that the Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) issued by Canarias ACC appeared to indicate the application of 50 NM longitudinal separation and 50 NM lateral separation for aircraft approved for PBCS operations. However, other States and FIRs within the corridor were expected to apply 5-minute longitudinal separation rather than 50 NM separation, raising concerns regarding harmonization.
- 2.3. In response to this concern, the ESCIT Coordinator clarified that the objective of the first implementation phase was to apply harmonized separation standards across the corridor, and confirmed that both the 50 NM and 5-minute separation concepts had been considered within the implementation framework.
- 2.4. All participating FIRs are expected to implement the agreed separation standards in a coordinated manner. It was also emphasized that the AIC would be reviewed to ensure the intended procedures are clearly reflected. Canarias ACC acknowledged this concern and committed to reviewing the published AIC and to issuing an amendment if necessary.
- 2.5. ASECNA informed the Meeting of persistent technical issues related to the upgrade of its ATM system, which was delaying the publication of the AIC. The ANSP further clarified that the issue was being actively addressed in order to meet the AIRAC date of 26 November 2026 targeted for the implementation of PBCS in the EUR/SAM Corridor.
- 2.6. ASECNA further suggested that a trials phase be incorporated into the implementation plan to ensure an effective and smooth transition to PBCS in the corridor. The trials could be conducted during coordinated daily time slots, taking into account operational constraints such as communications and ATC workload. The outcome of the trials would form part of the go/no-go decision.

- 2.7. The Meeting exchanged views on outstanding implementation matters and identified areas requiring continued coordination to ensure operational readiness and a harmonized approach across the corridor. The Meeting called on implementation stakeholders to provide an update on their level of readiness at the next SAT IMG and SAT SOG meetings to inform decision-making. The following Decision was issued in this regard

SAT IMG/SOG/EO Decision 01: PBCS Implementation Readiness and Go/No-Go Decision	
Why	<i>That, to ensure a coordinated, safe and harmonized implementation of Performance-Based Communication and Surveillance (PBCS) in the EUR/SAM Corridor,</i>
What	<i>a) The implementation plan and AIC template be reviewed to clarify separation standard harmonization and incorporate PBCS trial slots and coordination procedures;</i> <i>b) A single AIRAC cycle could be considered for the publication of AIC on the PBCS implementation;</i> <i>c) A final decision on whether to proceed with the implementation ("go/no-go" decision) be taken during the Eighth Meeting of the SAT IMG/SOG.</i>
Who	<i>a) States, ANSPs, Regional Monitoring Agencies and other stakeholders;</i> <i>b) SAT IMG/SOG, States;</i> <i>c) SAT IMG/SOG</i>
When	<i>a) 19th October 2026</i> <i>b) 18 September 2026</i> <i>c) 19th October 2026.</i>

AGENDA ITEM 3. PBCS MONITORING AND REPORTING: GUIDANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Meeting received a presentation on the PBCS Monitoring and Reporting Guidance and engaged in detailed discussions on the proposed monitoring and reporting arrangements. Emphasis was placed on the importance of robust monitoring, reporting, and information-sharing processes during the initial implementation phase to ensure compliance with PBCS requirements and support the realization of the expected safety and operational benefits.
- 3.2 The Meeting concluded that implementation activities are progressing satisfactorily, with positive feedback received from the ESCIT Group and no major issues identified. Participants reaffirmed the importance of maintaining harmonized PBCS implementation across the EUR/SAM corridor.

- 3.3 The Meeting also emphasized the importance of information sharing and agreed that relevant implementation and planning documents should be disseminated to all stakeholders. Participants were encouraged to continue their collaborative efforts and maintain progress toward upcoming implementation milestones and discussions at future SAT meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 4. REVIEW THE OUTCOMES OF SAT SOG/EO & SAT IMG/EO

- 4.1 SAT IMG/SOG EO reviewed and adopted one (1) Decision, as presented in Appendix 3 to this report.

AGENDA ITEM 5. AOB

- 5.1 The Secretariat reminded participants of the upcoming Eighth Meeting of the South Atlantic Implementation Management Group (SAT IMG/08), which will be held virtually from 19 to 20 October 2026. Participants were encouraged to complete their registration in a timely manner, and members experiencing difficulties with the registration process were requested to contact the Secretariat for assistance.
- 5.2 The Secretariat of the South Atlantic Safety Oversight Group similarly informed participants of the forthcoming Eighth Meeting of the South Atlantic Safety Oversight Group (SAT SOG/08), scheduled to be held virtually from 28 to 30 October 2026. Participants were encouraged to make the necessary arrangements to ensure their active participation in the meeting and its deliberations.
- 5.3 The Secretariat of the South Atlantic Steering Group (SAT SG) further reminded participants of the forthcoming Fourth Meeting of the South Atlantic Steering Group (SAT SG/4), scheduled to take place from 8 to 10 December 2026. In this regard, the Secretariat invited any Member State or organization willing to host the meeting to express its interest through the Secretariat at the earliest opportunity. The Meeting was also reminded that the election of the SAT SG chairpersons will be held during the SAT SG/4 and that the call for nominations was launched through a State letter disseminated to all members on 16 September 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CLOSING

- 6.1 In his closing remarks, Mr. Sanogo Adama, Chairperson of SAT IMG, commended participants for the fruitful deliberations and spirit of collaboration demonstrated throughout the meeting. He noted that the outcomes of the extraordinary meeting had provided valuable clarity on the status of implementation readiness and had reinforced the commitment of all stakeholders to the successful implementation of PBCS in the EUR/SAM Corridor. He thanked ICAO, States, ANSPs, Regional Monitoring Agencies and industry partners for their continued support and encouraged sustained coordination ahead of the forthcoming SAT IMG/8 and SAT SOG/8 meetings. He also expressed his sincere appreciation to the Secretariat for the meticulous planning and organization of the meeting, as well as for the excellent rapporteur services provided throughout the deliberations, which contributed significantly to the successful conduct and outcome of the meeting.

- 6.2 Col. Jorge Avila, Chairperson of SAT SOG, thanked all participants for their active engagement and valuable contributions to the discussions. He expressed satisfaction with the progress made in reviewing the readiness of stakeholders for PBCS implementation and welcomed the constructive exchanges on the monitoring and reporting arrangements.
- 6.3 Mr. Nika Manzi Meheza, Deputy Regional Director of ICAO WACAF, congratulated participants on the successful conduct of the meeting and the constructive outcomes achieved. He expressed appreciation for the commitment demonstrated by all stakeholders in advancing the PBCS implementation programme and highlighted the meeting as another example of the strong interregional cooperation that characterizes the SAT framework. He reiterated ICAO's continued support to the implementation efforts and encouraged participants to sustain their collaboration towards achieving a safe, efficient and harmonized implementation.
- 6.4 Mr. Richard Gatete, Deputy Regional Director of ICAO ESAF, thanked all participants for their active participation and valuable contributions to the discussions. He welcomed the progress made in validating the monitoring and reporting arrangements and noted that the meeting had provided an important opportunity to strengthen the collective understanding of the remaining actions required before implementation. He also extended his appreciation to the Secretariat for the high-quality rapporteur support that ensured the effective conduct of proceedings. He underscored the importance of maintaining close coordination and effective monitoring in the lead-up to the final "go/no-go" decision and expressed confidence that the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders would contribute to a successful implementation of PBCS in the EUR/SAM Corridor. He concluded by wishing participants continued success in their preparations for the forthcoming SAT IMG/8 and SAT SOG/8 meetings and declared the combined extraordinary meetings of SAT IMG and SAT SOG closed.

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APPENDIX 2 – LIST OF MEETING’S DOCUMENTS

Paper	Agenda Item	Subject	Presented by		
			Secretariat	States	Int. Org.
Work programme table	1	Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme	Secretariat IMG/SOG		
Verbal	2	Status of PBCS Implementation Readiness in the EUR/SAM Corridor	Secretariat IMG/SOG		
ESCIT presentation	3	PBCS Monitoring and Reporting: Guidance and Implementation Considerations		EUR-SAM Corridor Implementation Team (ESCIT)	
Conclusion and Decision summary	4	Review of the outcomes of SAT SOG/EO & SAT IMG/EO	Secretariat IMG/SOG		

APPENDIX 3 – SAT IMG/SOG EO CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

ID#	DECISION/CONCLUSION	REFERENCE	WHO	WHEN	FOLLOW UP
SAT IMG/SOG EO Decision 01:	PBCS Implementation Readiness and Go/No-Go Decision: <i>That, to ensure a coordinated, safe and harmonized implementation of Performance-Based Communication and Surveillance (PBCS) in the EUR/SAM Corridor;</i> <i>a) The implementation plan and AIC template be reviewed to clarify separation standard harmonization and incorporate PBCS trial slots and coordination procedures;</i> <i>b) A single AIRAC cycle could be considered for the publication of the AIC on the PBCS implementation</i> <i>c) A final decision on whether to proceed with the implementation ("go/no-go" decision) be taken during the Eighth Meeting of the SAT IMG/SOG.</i>		a) States, ANSPs, Regional Monitoring Agencies and other stakeholders; b) SAT IMG/SOG. c) SAT IMG/SOG	a. <i>Before SAT IMG/SOG/8 Meeting 19th October 2026.</i> b. <i>18 September 2026</i> c. <i>Before SAT IMG/SOG/8 Meeting 19th October 2026</i>	a) required b) Required c) Not Required