

**SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE
INFORMAL COORDINATION MEETING OF THE
NORTH ATLANTIC SYSTEMS PLANNING GROUP (NAT SPG)
(TELECONFERENCE, 21 OCTOBER 2021)**

1. The informal coordination meeting of the NAT SPG was held via virtual means on 21 October 2021.
2. The list of participants is provided in **Appendix A**.
3. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Hlin Holm (Iceland).
4. The agenda included the following items:
 - a) Share lessons learnt from the recent hybrid meetings and discuss next steps regarding the next meetings;
 - b) Apprise the current status of the work on the revision of the HMS joint financing arrangement; and
 - c) Any other business.

Lessons learnt from hybrid meetings

5. Under agenda item a), a presentation was delivered that was jointly prepared by the NAT POG and NAT TIG rapporteurs and ICAO.
6. The meeting noted that the lessons learnt from the recent NAT hybrid meetings included the following:
 - a) Importance of adequate IT availability;
 - b) More complexity for the meeting organisers and the rapporteur/secretariat work;
 - c) Challenges for participants due to different time zones, limitations of teleconference tools, lack of eye contact, lack of direct informal discussions during the breaks etc.; and
 - d) The recommended number of participants in-person is around 60%. Ideally - 66%.
7. The meeting thanked the presenters for collecting these inputs and noted that, following some pre-meeting coordination, the next NAT IMG meeting will be held in Dublin on 8-11 November and NAT SOG in Paris on 6-10 December, both in a hybrid mode.
8. It was agreed that despite all the challenges of the hybrid meetings, they still represented a significant improvement compared to full virtual.

9. Nevertheless, the hybrid solution should not be a permanent one, and as soon as the travel policies allowed, the face-to-face meetings should restart. It was agreed that the NAT groups should plan the full restart of face-to-face meetings from spring 2022.

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10. Under agenda item b), the meeting was provided with the status of activities on the implementation of NAT SPG Conclusion 57/2. It was noted that the NAT EFFG project team on the revision of the current HMS joint financing arrangement requested to circulate a survey to the NAT SPG members to collect updated information on the costs required for the set up and annual operation of the NAT HMS.

11. The meeting noted the rationale for this request and agreed that the survey should be circulated.

12. The meeting also noted two possible options for the revision of the HMS financing arrangement. Option 1 was a simpler solution and similar to the current one whereby ANSPs would recover their individual set-up costs through their Air Navigation Charges, and the NAT CMA costs, including set up of the necessary processing, and annual running costs for CMA and States are recovered through NAT RVSM user charge.

13. Option 2 was a more complex solution requiring a more substantial review of the joint financing arrangement and additional steering structures. Under this Option, the set-up and annual costs would be recovered by ANSPs and CMA through new Arrangement provisions as RVSM user charge. A Steering Group would need to be established to review costs and charges annually (alternatively, NAT EFFG to undertake this role).

14. The meeting noted that the NAT EFFG on 28-29 October 2021 would further discuss both options and the work of project team. One potential solution could be for the project team to draft 2 versions of the new HMS joint financing arrangement, one for Option 1 and another for Option 2, for the NAT SPG consideration.

15. Following the NAT EFFG discussions, the NAT SPG members would inform the Chair and ICAO Secretariat about their preferred option. This feedback would be further discussed through the NAT Chair team meetings and another NAT SPG informal coordination teleconference, if needed. The results of this work will be put forward for NAT SPG consideration.

APPENDIX A — LIST OF PARTICIPANTS*(paragraph 2 refers)***CANADA**

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