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**Agenda Item: 3.3      Communications, Navigations and Surveillance**

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF MEVA II IN THE  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)**

(Presented by the United States of America)

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents information on the status of implementation of MEVA II Network in the United States Federal Aviation Administration.

**1.                    Introduction**

1.1                    The MEVA Directors General approved the recommendation of the MEVA Telecommunications Management Group (TMG) to contract Americom Government Services (AGS) as the MEVA II Service Provider in December 2004. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) awarded its contract to AGS in September 2005 and is presently coordinating specific security requirements with the Service Provider before finalizing the contract.

**2.                    Discussion**

2.1                    AGS presented a draft MEVA II Transition Plan during the TMG/14 Meeting indicating that – **once all the contracts are signed** - Miami ARTCC and San Juan CERAP nodes will be the first to be implemented. This implementation phase shall be completed during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2006.

2.2                    It was also agreed during the TMG/14 Meeting that the next implementation site would be The Bahamas (Freeport in parallel with Nassau) since they have leased lines as back up and are only connected to USA.

2.3                    Implementation of the other nodes is not final yet as the coordination between the MEVA II Members and the Service Provider is not complete. It is expected, however, that the other MEVA II nodes will be implemented at the latest by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2006.

**3. Conclusion**

3.1 The United States is respectfully requesting that those MEVA Members of the Central Caribbean that have not done so sign the MEVA II contract with AGS promptly in order to commence the transition phase as agreed during the last TMG meeting.

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