

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
NORTH AMERICAN, CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN OFFICE**

**TWENTY-SIXTH EASTERN CARIBBEAN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
(26TH E/CAR IWG)**

(Barbados, 3 to 7 June 2002)

Agenda Item 2 ATM Developments

2.1 Airspace Management (ASM):

2.1.3 Upper limit of the TMAs within Piarco FIR

(Working Paper presented by Trinidad and Tobago)

SUMMARY	
The purpose of this Working Paper is to report on the action taken by Trinidad and Tobago with respect to the plan to change the upper limit of the four TMAs within Piarco FIR from FL195 to FL245.	
REFERENCES	
•	Report of 25th E/CAR Working Group Meeting
•	Report of 7th Meeting of E/CAR ATS Committee
•	Report of 17th E/CAR DCAs Meeting

1. Background

1.1 At the 25th. Meeting of the ECWG, it was decided to refer the matter of raising the upper limit of the four TMAs to the ATS Committee for greater study.

1.2 At the 7th. Meeting of the ATS Committee, it was agreed that the upper limit of the TMAs be raised, and the measures to be undertaken to effect same.

1.3 At the 17th. Meeting of DCAs, approval was granted to raise the upper limit of the TMAs.

2. Discussions

2.1 At all regional levels it has been agreed that it would be in the best interest of users and ATS providers, from an operational point of view, to assign an additional five flight levels to the TMA Units within Piarco FIR, FL200, 210, 220, 230, 240.

2.2 In accordance with Conclusion 17/5 of the 17th. DCAs Meeting, the AIRAC date 2002 July 11 was determined for implementation of the change to the upper limit of the TMAs.

2.3 By AIRAC AIP Supplement 16/02, dated 2002 May 16, Trinidad and Tobago published the agreed revision to the upper limit of the TMAs : from FL195 to FL245.

2.4 Appropriate notification has been made to the Trinidad and Tobago Air Traffic Controllers who perform Area Control Service within Piarco FIR.

2.5 Appropriate changes have been made to existing Letters of Agreement between relevant ATS Units, and are now available for review and signature.

2.6 Piarco NOF will issue a trigger NOTAM, with reference to the AIRAC AIP Supplement at least one (1) month prior to the effective date of the change to the TMAs upper limit.

3. Action by the Meeting

3.1 The Meeting is asked to note the information contained in this Working Paper.