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Agenda Item 3: Specific Air Navigation Activities and Developments
3.2 Aeronautical Information Services (AIS)

PARTICIPATION OF AIS PERSONNEL IN TECHNICAL VISITS

(Presented by Trinidad and Tobago)

SUMMARY

The aim of this working paper is to urge a greater sense of commitment by E/CAR states Aeronautical Authorities to the facilitating of visits of their AIS staff to other neighbouring AIS offices

References:

- Report of the 27th E/CAR IWG Meeting held in St John's Antigua 21st-25th July 2003
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- - Report of the Eighth Meeting Of the Aeronautical Information Service and Aeronautical Charts Subgroup (AIS/MAP/SG/8) held in Lima, Peru 24th – 28th March 2003.

1. Introduction

1.1 Agenda item 2 of the 8th meeting of the AIS Subgroup dealt with the need to raise the technical level of AIS specialists through the exchange of knowledge and experience among States. The resulting conclusion 8/5 a) stated:

1.2 That the aeronautical authorities of CAR/SAM foster and support technical visits to the AIS of other States, in order to have an exchange of experiences that may enrich the decision making process within the new role of the AIS, in keeping with the world wide globalization and standardization trend.

1.3 The revised work program in the appendix to agenda item 4 of the 27th E/CAR IWG meeting lists as task #3:

1.4 To identify study and take action to resolve deficiencies in all AIS/MAP facilities in the E/CAR

2. Discussions

2.1 The implementation of a new automatic message switch and AIS system database in Trinidad and Tobago as well as the upgrading of other E/CAR Islands AIS systems which will take place by the last quarter of this year has added to the need for these technical visits.

2.2 Harmonization in the use and management of these systems resulting in more timely and efficient message processing will be greatly aided if done by personnel who are familiar with the location and type of equipment as well as work methods used by other AIS personnel with whom they must interface.

2.3 Experiencing the actual work environment of other AIS offices will assist significantly with faster identification and solution of problems experienced among these AIS units as well as the deficiencies listed by ICAO.

3. Suggested Actions

3.1 In view of the above, E/CAR state aeronautical authorities are urged to be more committed to facilitating these technical visits by;

- a) Making definite plans to have a certain number of their AIS staff visit other AIS offices each year by pre arrangement with the authorities of the proposed AIS site to be visited.
- b) Ensuring that problems or issues to be dealt with during the visit are listed and communicated well beforehand to the authorities of the visiting or visited AIS so that time spent on the site can be more productive.
- c) Reporting progress made as a result of the visit, to the aeronautical authorities of the visited site and to the aeronautical authorities of the visiting AIS personnel.

3.2 The meeting is invited to take note of the potential impact of the imminent major changes of the E/CAR AIS systems and to seriously consider the suggested actions.