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Agenda Item 4: Specific Air Navigation Activities and Developments
4.1 Aeronautical Information Services (AIS)

STATUS OF THE E/CAR AIS COMMITTEE

(Presented by the Rapporteur of the E/CAR AIS Committee)

SUMMARY This working paper outlines proposals for the formalization of the structure and a meeting of the AIS Committee.
References: • Report of 24th Meeting of the E/CAR WG.

1. Introduction

1.1 The 24th Meeting of the E/CAR WG held in San Juan, Puerto Rico made a decision to establish an AIS Committee, comprising France, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States, The then OECS (now ECCAA) Directorate and Barbados as Rapporteur. To date, there has never been a meeting of the full AIS Committee. Given the growing importance of AIS in the global concepts for CNS/ATM developed to facilitate the rapid growth of air traffic, it is essential to regularize the activities of the AIS Committee.

2. Discussion

2.1 The meeting in San Juan, charged the AIS Committee with the task of making a comprehensive analysis of the AIS situation in the E/CAR Region including, but not limited to, an examination of the shortcomings and deficiencies. In order to fulfill the requirements of this assignment the following are proposed:

- a) that the member states of the AIS Committee name a representative and one alternate to serve on the committee.
- b) that the Chief Technical Officer AIS of Trinidad and Tobago undertake the task of visiting each AIS office in the E/CAR region to assess the status of these offices in terms of:

- Level of training and number of AIS staff
- Organization and efficiency of AIS office
- Level of available documentation available in the AIS
- Degree of computerization
- Availability or access to the internet
- Status of implementation of a quality program

These visits should be accomplished during the first half of 2007. It is hoped that these visits can result in the development of a program aimed at addressing the deficiencies in the region.

- c) that a three day meeting of the AIS Committee be scheduled for the second half of 2007 in order to:

- Review the work schedule of the committee and make recommendations
- Review the report of the Chief Technical Officer AIS

Since automation will be essential to the way air traffic is managed in the future, it is also recommended that vendors of equipment that support the automation requirements be invited to make presentations to the committee.

3. Action Required

3.1 The meeting is requested to support the recommendations made in this paper, in order to take the appropriate actions and develop a strategy plan for implementation of AIS issues in the ECAR Area.