



Agenda Item 4: Specific Air Navigation Activities and Developments
4.4 Air Traffic Management (ATM)

PROVISION OF ATFM IN THE E/CAR

(Presented by France)

SUMMARY This working paper aims at opening in the E/CAR region the subject of the traffic flow management, including the need for immediate interim solutions.
References: • §3.2 of PANS /ATM (Doc 4444).

1. Introduction

1.1 The standard provided in §3.2 of PANS /ATM (Doc 4444) is not yet in force in the E/CAR region, and no regional ATFM organization, nor procedure is presently implemented.

1.2 Due to the increase of traffic, staff shortage, technical failure or for any other reasons, ATC units might have to implement some form of flow management procedures.

2. Discussion

2.1 The recent requests in real time, by different centers, though different means and different paths, of the temporary implementation of regulations show now the need for a regional agreement on some practical and concrete interim methods.

2.2 France is requesting that added to the supervisor-to-supervisor telephone calls, at least the standard of the use of systematic AFTN messages to the concerned ATC units for the implementation of Flow Control measures and for their termination to be agreed upon.

3 Suggested action

3.1 ICAO is invited to make a presentation of the conclusions of the recent ATFM meeting held in Colombia.

3.2 The meeting is invited to discuss the regional plans to be conceived concerning short and medium term on the handling of E/CAR flow management procedures and to adopt an interim method for the systematic use of AFTN messages.