



Agenda Item 2: Air Navigation Matters
2.3 Other Specific Air Navigation Developments
2.3.2 Aeronautical Information Management (AIM)

DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE AIS INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE E/CAR REGION

(Presented by Barbados)

SUMMARY	
This working paper seeks to get the Meeting to establish a structured E/CAR Regional AIS system with a programme and responsibilities to move AIS forward.	
References:	
• E/CAR/WG/24 Report • E/CAR/WG/31 Report • WP – E/CAR/WG/30 – States of the E/CAR AIS Committee	
Strategic Objectives	<i>This working paper is related to Strategic Objective D – Efficiency.</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 The E/CAR/WG at its 24th Meeting in 2000, in San Juan, Puerto Rico established an AIS Committee charged with the responsibility for facilitating the orderly growth of Aeronautical Information Services in the E/CAR Region. Barbados was elected by the Meeting to be the Rapporteur of the group.

2. FACT

2.1 Attached is Working Paper 14 of E/CAR/WG/29 on Agenda Item 4 – Specific Air Navigation Activities and Developments - 4.1 Aeronautical Information Services on the subject “Status of the E/CAR AIS Committee” as an appendix. This working paper speaks to the status of AIS in the E/CAR Region in 2006 and proposes a number of recommendations to orderly develop AIS in the E/CAR Region. Of these only the visit by the Chief Technical Officer AIS Trinidad and Tobago was accomplished.

2.2 Further, at every E/CAR/WG Meeting since 2006 only Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago brought AIS matters to the table of the meeting. Unfortunately no other State had a participant present to sit with Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago to discuss AIS matters.

3. Discussion

3.1 ICAO at Agenda Item 2 to this meeting, E/CAR/WG/32, under Air Navigation Matters will discuss the Transition of AIS towards AIM.

3.2 It is evident that other Regional States do not exhibit the required interest in AIS which is the epicentre of the movement of aircraft through the Region. It is difficult to understand how the E/CAR will transition to AIM when most States do not have well established AIS Offices.

4. Recommendation

4.1 It is suggested that before consideration is given to the transition of AIS towards AIM that the E/CAR/WG establishes a Regional AIS System supported by all States, with an infrastructure, responsibilities and a programme to move the Region forward.

4.2 If the E/CAR/WG accomplishes this endeavour, consideration can then be given to the transition of AIS in the Region towards AIM.

5. Action Required

5.1 The Meeting is requested to:

- a) note the contents of this working paper;
- b) ICAO is urged to encourage all E/CAR States to establish dedicated AIS Offices;
- c) each State should appoint an officer charged with the responsibility for AIS in that State and inform ICAO and the Rapporteur (Barbados) of the appointment;
- d) all E/CAR States should undertake to become actively involved in AIS matters; and
- e) ICAO urge States to take these actions.

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APPENDIX



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Thirtieth Eastern Caribbean Working Group Meeting (30 E/CAR WG)
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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:

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- 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.

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