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MEVA III Request for Information Document (RFI)

(Presented by the MEVA/TMG Coordinator)

Summary	
This Working Paper provides an update on the work carried out by the newly created MEVA Task Force to develop the common Request for Information (RFI) for the transition to MEVA III in the CAR Region in coordination with the ECAR NTG.	
References	
• Report of MEVA TMG/22 Meeting, Melbourne, Florida, United States, 23-26 May 2011 • Report of the E/CAR/NTG/2 Meeting, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 14 – 16 June 2011 • Report of MEVA TMG/23 Meeting, ICAO NACC Office, Mexico City, Mexico, 6-7 March 2012	
ICAO Strategic Objective:	This working paper is related with strategic objectives A and C

1. Introduction

1.1 The MEVA TMG/22 Meeting proposed to the Director of Civil Aviation to start the process for transitioning to MEVA III Network. The signing of a Letter of Intent by all Directors approved this.

2. Discussion

2.1 During the MEVA TMG/22 meeting, the initiative for the regional Interconnection/Integration of the MEVE III with the E/CAR Network was reviewed and the meeting agreed on the following conclusion:

CONCLUSION TMG/22/09 – Regional Interconnection/ Integration with the E/CAR Network

Considering the importance of exchanging information for a regional interconnection/ Integration of the modernized MEVA Network (MEVA III) and the E/CAR Network, that the MEVA TMG Coordinator, United States and St. Maarten:

- a) exchange information with the E/CAR Network Technical Group for the regional interconnection/ Integration with their network; and
- b) inform the MEVA Members by the MEVA/TMG/23 Meeting, the progress achieved and how to include this information on the plans for the modernization of the MEVA Network

2.2 Similarly in support of the interconnection/integration initiative, at the 2nd E/CAR/TNG Meeting, the E/CAR/NTG agreed the following Decision:

Decision E/CAR/NTG/2/10 - Planning for the implementation of a Common Request for Information (RFI) document for the CAR Region telecommunication networks.

Considering the current modernization and improvement activities by the MEVA II Network and future improvement of the E/CAR AFS Network, the need to collect information on the current available technologies and the convenience/ optimization of resources for the implementation of a Common Request for Information (RFI) document for the CAR Region telecommunication networks as to achieve a common single region CAR Network, that the E/CAR/NTG Rapporteur

- a) in coordination with the MEVA TMG Coordinator and the assistance of ICAO, drafts the planning and administrative structure needed to carry out the process of the RFI by the **30 of September 2011**;
- a) send this draft to the E/CAR/NTG members for comments and observations, to receive these by **28 October 2011**; and
- b) inform and coordinate with the E/CAR/NTG members the activities agreed for this RFI.

2.3 During the MEVA TMG/23 Meeting, the Meeting agreed on the creation of a Task Force to carry out the development and corresponding activities necessary to complete the Request for Information (RFI) document. The newly created Task Force is responsible for:

- a) Project Work Plan and Schedule
- b) Generate and issue a Request for Information (RFI)
- c) Generate and issue a Request for Proposal (RFP)
- d) Update to DOA and other Network administrative issues

2.4 With the above mentioned conclusions an E/CAR/NTG member was requested by the MEVA TMG to join the MEVA III TF.

2.5 The Task force participants are:

- COCESNA - Roger Pérez
- FAA - Dulce María Rosés (lead) and Olivier Delperdange
- Jamaica - Derick Grant (lead) and David Miller
- Panama - Daniel Avila
- Trinidad & Tobago - Veronica Ramdath
- Haiti - Yves Andre Cesar - Part of the Task Force as an observer
- ICAO will technically assist this task Force

2.6 The TMG agreed that the RFI be drafted in such a way that the response from potential service providers includes all available technologies and architectures, as well as the interconnection with the ECAR AFS Network. It was also defined that the RFI should be available no later than 6 July, 2012. This will provide time to organize and invite potential vendors to present their responses to the RFI in the MEVA/TMG/24 Meeting scheduled for 15 to 19 October 2012.

2.7 The MEVA TMG **Conclusion 23/10 – MEVA III Transition Plan and Activities** - outlined the following work to be carried out by the Task Force:

- a) United States send sent a draft copy of the proposed work plan and schedule (WBS) to the Task Force Members by **16 March. This action was completed.**
- b) ICAO to create a website called Transition to MEVA III by MEVA/TMG/24 Meeting;
- c) Task Force:
 - Generate and issue a Request for Information (RFI) – target **6 July, 2012**
 - Generate and issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) (based on WBS)
 - Update to DOA and other Network administrative issues (based on WBS); and
 - Update and consolidate all MEVA Members inputs into the WBS by **April 20, 2012. This action was completed**
- d) Task Force to email MEVA TMG Coordinator and ICAO the updated draft WBS by April 27, 2012. **This action was completed.**

2.8 An initial draft RFI is being reviewed by the MEVA III Task Force. The Task Force conducts scheduled teleconferences to carry out the work assigned by the TMG. The last one was held on 8 May 2012.

3. Suggested action

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information presented;
- b) Review the draft RFI and provide comments to the E/CAR/NTG representative in the MEVA III TF;
- c) Participate in the MEVA TMG/24 event where vendors are to response to the RFI as detailed in paragraph 2.6; and

- d) With the goal of a common RFI, provide comments to the process of development of this RFI and particularly the interconnection requirement between MEVA III and ECAR AFS Network.