

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Aeronautical Frequency Management Task Force (FREQ/TF)

North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG)

Background	At the MEVA/TMG/33 meeting, held in May 2018, it was decided to create a MEVA Ad-Hoc working group for the management of the frequencies in the Region. The CAR Region Spectrum Monitoring Ad-Hoc Group, approved by the ANI/WG/4 meeting in August 2018, was created in order to establish continuous evaluation of the radio electric spectrum for aviation in the region. Following the Conclusion GREPECAS/20/05 "Creation of an Ad-Hoc Group for the Development of a Regional Project for the Management of Aeronautical Frequencies", which was reinforced by the ICAO Assembly Resolution A41-7: "Support of the ICAO policy on radio frequency spectrum matters"; the first meeting of the Ad hoc Group was held at the ICAO NACC Regional Office (RO), from January 30th to February 3rd 2023. After approval of the new structure of the NACC/WG in June 2023, the FRE Ad hoc Group was designated Aeronautical Frequency Management Task Force (FREQ/TF).
Scope	The FREQ/TF will create and provide guidelines based on ICAO regulations to address actions to be taken by States to guarantee the protection and availability of frequencies for the current and future aviation needs; meaning to promote the regional management of the aeronautical frequency spectrum, and also to improve safety, avoid interference and other problems related to the use of frequencies.
Required Expertise	• The FREQ/TF will be led by CNS experts from Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico and COCESNA. • The FREQ/TF can, at any time, be joined by other CNS experts in the region that will contribute to the scope of the work of the group.
Objective(s)	• Carry out the necessary activities for the establishment of the regional management of the aeronautical frequency spectrum. • Update the information on aeronautical frequency assignment in the Region. • Establish/update the regional frequency assignment procedure. • Propose a regional training program on aeronautical frequencies management • Promote the ICAO Position for ITU World Radio Conference at a regional level. • Establish follow-up and evaluation mechanisms for ITU WRC topics. • Prepare important information on the use of frequencies in the future.

Specific Working Arrangements	1. Update with the States, the lists of operational frequencies in the region: https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/frequency.aspx 2. Improve the mechanism of coordination to allocate frequencies in the Region with ICAO and the United States. 3. Validate and prepare trainings for the Frequency Finder management tool with the NACC Office.
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