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**SEVENTH MEETINGS OF THE SAT IMPLEMENTATION MANAGEMENT GROUP (SAT IMG/7)
AND
SAT SAFETY OVERSIGHT GROUP (SAT SOG/7)**

Dakar, 6-10 April 2026

Agenda Item 2: States/ANSP updates

Update from the SAT CNS Working Group

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This paper provides an update on the establishment, coordination activities, and current status of the SAT Communications, Navigation and Surveillance Working Group (SAT CNS WG), established to support SAT planning and implementation activities.	
Action by the Meeting at paragraph 3.	
<i>Strategic goals</i>	A-Every Flight is safe and secure C- Aviation Delivers Seamless, Accessible, and Reliable Mobility for All

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Third Meeting of the SAT Steering Group (SAT SG/03), held in December 2025, adopted Conclusion 3/11, which endorsed the establishment of a Communications, Navigation and Surveillance Working Group (CNS WG) under the SAT Implementation Group (SAT IMG).
- 1.2 The SAT CNS WG is intended to support the SAT mechanism by addressing CNS-related operational and technical matters within its mandate, in line with the guidance of SAT SG/03 and subsequent decisions of the SAT IMG and SAT SOG.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The SAT CNS WG will serve as a technical coordination platform to identify, analyze, and support the resolution of CNS operational, technical, and interoperability issues affecting the SAT Region.
- 2.2 The objectives of the SAT CNS WG are to:
 - support the planning and implementation of CNS initiatives in the SAT Region;

- enhance interoperability between adjacent FIRs, including in areas such as AIDC, AMHS, and communications infrastructure and networks;
- monitor and address CNS issues affecting safety, efficiency, and continuity of operations;
- support the follow-up of CNS-related SAT decisions and action items; and
- provide technical advice and recommendations to the SAT IMG and, as appropriate, to the SAT SOG.

2.3 As agreed during SAT SG/03, the Terms of Reference of the SAT CNS WG are being refined to clearly define its scope, responsibilities, and expected deliverables.

2.4 In line with SAT SG/03 Conclusion 3/11 and the decision to operationalize the SAT CNS WG, the ICAO Secretariat issued State Letter SR 3/80-0184, dated 18 March 2026, inviting States and Organizations participating in the SAT framework to nominate qualified CNS technical experts to contribute to the activities of the Working Group. Nominations were requested by 3 April 2026.

2.5 The way forward

In the short term, the Secretariat will:

- consolidate nominations received from States and Organizations (April 2026).
- coordinate and organize the first meeting of the SAT CNS Working Group; and
- finalize and submit the Terms of Reference for endorsement by the SAT IMG.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the update on the establishment and operationalization of the SAT CNS Working Group;
- b) invite States and Organizations to nominate qualified CNS experts to participate in the Working Group; and
- c) support the continued refinement of the Terms of Reference and work programme of the SAT CNS WG.