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**The Twelfth Meeting of the FANS Implementation Team, Bay of Bengal (FIT-BOB/12) and the Second Meeting of the Bay of Bengal Reduced Horizontal Separation Implementation Task Force (BOB-RHS/TF/2)**

Bangkok, Thailand, 22– 26 February 2010

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**Agenda Item 3: Operational Issues**

**LETTERS OF AGREEMENT ON 50NM LONGITUDINAL SEPARATION**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this working paper is to encourage States to commence work on producing Letters of Agreement with neighbouring adjacent FIRs with regard to 50NM longitudinal separation when using RNP 10 operations across the Bay of Bengal and within the oceanic portion of the Mumbai FIR.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 As a result of discussions at the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the BOB-RHS/TF, it was agreed to concentrate on the introduction of RNP 10 50NM longitudinal separation on a model ATS route, N571 in the first instance. The target date for implementation of 50NM longitudinal was decided as January 2011.

1.2 The meeting would recall that this particular ATS route was selected for various reasons, some of which were the minimal complications in the first instance to move forward on the overall project. It would also involve 3 FIRs who advised that they would be ready to use ADS/CPDLC procedures by early 2011, They were Kuala Lumpur FIR, Chennai FIR and Mumbai FIR.

1.3 This particular ATS route also feeds into the Muscat FIR which has radar coverage over their whole airspace.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The meeting is advised that part of the planning and implementation process will involve letters of agreement (LOAs) being developed between ACCs regarding the use of 50NM longitudinal separation along the designated ATS routes where CPDC or CPDLC is available.

2.2 The meeting should note that, as the first phase of the project will concentrate on one ATS route i.e. N571, the LOAs required may also be a model for other ATS routes when the second phase of the project is considered.

3. **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to develop a LOA template which could be used as a model by FIRs on all ATS routes being considered for 50NM longitudinal operations.

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