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**Agenda Item 1:**        **In the light of Conclusions 9/8 and 13/28 formulated by the CAR/SAM/3 RAN Meeting, review the planning carried out concerning the AFS, identifying the outstanding problems in order to meet AFS communication requirements.**

1.1            Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting in the light of Conclusions 9/8 and 13/28 formulated by the CAR/SAM RAN Meeting examined Tables CNS 1A and CNS 1C currently incorporated in the CAR/SAM FASID as the Plans for the AFTN and ATS speech circuits respectively.

1.2            In so doing the Meeting received information from the participating States/Organization concerning the status of implementation of the AFS requirements. Information on existing problems affecting the implementation of facilities or the corresponding communication services established by means of current implemented AFS Plan elements were provided. The information presented to the Meeting was useful to update the contents of a Secretariat documentation on this matter and the same is included in **Appendix A** to this part of the Summary of Discussions and Conclusions.

1.3            The Meeting noted that the existing problems were related, among other things, with the inherent limitations of the current implemented AFS facilities mainly those related with the speech circuits used for ATS co-ordination. In this regard it was also noted that current digital networks deployed in the CAR Region such as MEVA and the E-CAR networks already provided solutions to some CAR/SAM deficiencies such as the ATS communications Panama ACC-Kingston ACC, CENAMER ACC-Panama ACC and Maiquetía ACC-San Juan ACC.

1.4            The Meeting examined the AFS services with emphasis to the ATS speech circuits, because it was recognized, that while ATS co-ordinations be provided by voice communications, and being this kind of communication services sensitive to the transmission delay, this services would define an architecture for the interconnection of digital CAR/SAM networks environments.

1.5            Based on the above indicated matters, the Meeting reviewed the information presented in **Appendix B** to this part of the Summary of Discussions and Conclusions. It was noted that this Appendix could help to update the information of the FASID, through a proposal of amendment to this document in the future.