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**SECOND MEETING OF THE INFORMAL COORDINATION GROUP OF THE EAST
CARIBBEAN AND NORTH EASTERN SOUTH AMERICA
(E-CAR/SAM-NE ICG/2)**

(Caracas, Venezuela, 1 to 5 December 2003)

Agenda Item 2: Review of CNS matters

b) Review of matters related with AFS (Aeronautical Fixed Service) System

(Presented by Venezuela)

Summary

This working paper presents the need to implement an ATS speech channel between Maiquetia and Georgetown, through REDDIG digital network.

1. Background

1.1 The international AFTN plan was redefined due to the recent operation of REDDIG, still remaining the Maiquetia FIR inter-connected with the Georgetown FIR. Since Georgetown is adjacent to the Maiquetia FIR, it is necessary that these regions have an ATS speech service.

2. Discussion

2.1 Since both FIRs have a state-of-the-art technological platform, it is recommended that, before a subsequent coordination regarding technology, the speech service required be implemented.

2.2 Necessary coordinations should be established with the aim that ATS personnel take into consideration this implementation and reach agreements for its use.

3. Action suggested

3.1 The meeting is invited to take note of the information provided herein.

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