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SOUTH AMERICAN REGIONAL OFFICE**

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

(Caracas, Venezuela, 01 to 05 December 2003)

- Agenda Item 1: Review of ATM matters**
- a) Review of the status of implementation of the CAR/SAM
AIS/ATM/CNS 02/00 Informal Meeting Conclusions related to the
ATM area**

APPLICATION OF LONGITUDINAL SEPARATION MINIMA

(Presented by France)

Summary

This working paper highlights the difficulties to reach an agreement upon the 10-minutes longitudinal separation.

1 Introduction

1.1 During the CAR/SAM/3 RAN Meeting, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in October 1999, it was formulated Recommendation 5/22, requiring States to take the necessary steps to allow for 10-minutes longitudinal separation minima on ATS routes.

1.2 This matter was discussed during the CAR/SAM AIS/ATM/CNS 02/00 meeting held in Cayenne, French Guyana, in March 2001, and the conclusion 1/4 says that appliance of 10 minutes using the MNT shall start on July 2001.

2 Discussion

2.1 France led coordination with the adjacent States to implement this 10-minute value.

2.2 Brazil did not agree, so that France thought that this matter had no more interest so long as each country in the subregion did not adhere to this new separation value.

3 **Suggested action**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the missed target
- b) Asses the difficulties of every state
- c) Draw up a realistic plan for implementing this new separation minimum.