

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
South American Regional Office**

**UNDP/ICAO REGIONAL PROJECT RLA/98/019
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAM DIGITAL NETWORK (REDDIG)**

FIFTH MEETING OF THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

(Lima, Peru, 26 – 28 May 2003)

Agenda item 5: **Follow-up to co ordinations for the initiation of project RLA/03/901**

(Paper presented by the Secretariat)

Summary

This working paper presents information about the confirmation received from the States regarding their participation in project RLA/03/901, and co ordinations for the initiation of activities.

1. **Background**

Second meeting of the Coordination Committee (RCC/2)

1.1 During the second meeting of the Coordination Committee of Project RLA/98/019 (RCC/2), carried out in Lima, from 31 July to 2 August 2002, the study of the issues related to the definition of a multinational scheme to manage the REDDIG, after the period when the project would manage the network, was initiated.

1.2 The RCC/2 recognised that in that moment it did not have all the judgement elements to define the final management system, but it agreed that this would have to be carried out through an ICAO technical cooperation project.

1.3 Additionally, some general principals of the mentioned multinational scheme were elaborated, and a Task Force integrated by representative of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, France, Guyana, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay was conformed, with the participation of project RLA/98/019 expert as the coordinator. This task force was entrusted with the responsibility of documenting the results of the study in order to establish the most favourable alternative from a cost-efficient point of view, and to be able to have the technical/operative/administrative capacity to respond to the services to be provided by the REDDIG.

Third meeting of the Coordination Committee (RCC/3)

1.4 During the third meeting of the Coordination Committee RCC/3, carried out in Lima, from 6 to 7 November 2002, the report of the Task Force was considered and ICAO was requested to prepare or revision and comments of the States a project document of a technical cooperation project which objective would be to assist in the creation, as soon as possible, of a multinational mechanism for the definite management of the REDDIG, and to facilitate the operation of the network while this scheme was being developed, which should be done in a period of two years.

1.5 The RCC/3 specified the project objectives, the need of an expert hired by ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau, the policy on the spare parts procurement, the scheme of distribution of shared costs and the contribution for the payment of the satellite segment.

Fourth meeting of the Coordination Committee (RCC/4)

1.6 During the fourth meeting of the Coordination Committee RCC/4, carried out in Lima from 30 to 31 January 2003, the detail of the project document elaborated by ICAO and previously distributed to the States was discussed. The RCC/4, after a long detailed discussion about the document, made different amendments to the document and requested ICAO to circulate the final document to the States for approval.

2. Answers received from the States

2.1 The final document was reviewed and distributed to the States through ICAO State Letter SA5186 from 26 February 2003.

2.2 To date, answer from the following States have been received confirming their interest in participating in this project and in contributing with the project funding under the same modality of shared costs:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Bolivia
- Chile
- Ecuador
- France
- Guyana
- Peru
- Suriname
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Paraguay

2.3 Confirmation from Colombia is still pending.

3. **Suggested action**

The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take due note of the background information provided about the new REDDIG project and of the answers received from the States;
- b) request the States that have not yet confirmed their participation to do it as soon as possible.

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