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

SIXTH MEETING OF THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE (RCC/6)

(Lima, Peru, 20 – 21 November 2003)

Agenda item 1: Revision of the report of the fifth meeting

**REVISION OF THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL
COOPERATION PROJECT RLA/98/019 REDDIG**

(Paper presented by the Secretariat)

Summary

In this working paper it is being present a summary of the report of the fifth meeting of the coordination committee of the REDDIG (RCC/5) for its revision and information of the RCC/6 as background for deliberations.

1. Introduction

1.1 The fifth meeting of the Coordination Committee (RCC/5) was carried out in Lima, Peru, from 26 to 28 May 2003, with the participation of nine (9) States of the Region. In the meeting, the present state of implementation of conclusions formulated during the RCC/4 meeting were analyzed, as well as the activities carried out, the financial situation of the project, the program of future activities of the project, and co ordinations for the initiation of project RLA/03/901. A detail of the results of the meeting and a list containing conclusions still in force of the RCCs is being presented

2. Issues treated in the RCC/5

Revision of the report of the Fourth Coordination Meeting

2.1 Under this agenda item, as usual, results of the previous meeting (RCC/4) were revised, meeting which took place in Lima, Peru, from 30 to 31 January 2003, and where the state of implementation of conclusions, activities carried out, financial situation of the project and program of future activities were analyzed.

Report on the activities carried out

2.2 The meeting continue with the examination of the development of the principal activities carried out by the project, such as the results of the provisional site acceptance tests (PSAT) in all the REDDIG nodes, as well as the coordination and execution of the NAT tests.

Financial situation of the project

2.3 Under this agenda item, the Meeting was informed about the present state of the cost-sharing contributions and the steps carried out by the Chief of Operations of the Americas, of the Technical Cooperation Bureau, for the crediting of the interests generated by the project funds. Under this issue, the Meeting adopted conclusion RCC 5/1 about the use of the funds not used by project RLA/98/019.

Revision of the program of activities for year 2003

2.4 Under this issue of the agenda, the RCC/5 analyzed the activities to be carried out during year 2003, such as:

- Organization of the NCC
- Preparation of personnel
- Support and supervision in the operation of the network
- Preparation of the billing procedures
- Up date of the operation manuals of the REDDIG
- Analysis of the updating and possible upgrading of the network.

2.5 The Meeting, after analyzing pending activities to be executed as well as some pending issues regarding to the connection of the user equipment to the REDDIG node, agreed to adopt conclusion RCC 5/2 about the activities and program for the REDDIG start-up.

2.6 Likewise, available alternatives for the implementation of the backup network were analyzed, and conclusion RCC 5/3 about the implementation of this network was formulated.

2.7 Also, a draft of the SAM REDDIG Manual was presented, where rules and procedures that should be followed by the REDDIG nodes were presented in order to achieve an adequate coordination to carry out the operation and maintenance of the network.

2.8 The Meeting considered necessary to establish an ad-hoc committee, conformed by Argentina, Brazil, Chile, France and Peru, to work jointly with the project expert to finalize this manual and, additionally, conclusion RCC 5/4 was formulated.

Follow up of co ordinations for the initiation of project RLA/03/901

2.9 Under this item of the agenda, the Meeting took note of the States that had confirmed their participation in project RLA/03/901, and States were requested to deposit their cost-sharing contributions at earliest possible to proceed with the signature of the contract for the lease of the satellite segment. In this regard, the meeting adopted conclusion RCC 5/5. Likewise, Colombia position regarding its participation in project RLA/03/901 was analyzed and, in this sense, conclusion RCC 5/6 was adopted.

2.10 Last, under this item of the agenda, the costs for transferring the NCC from Lima to Manaus was analyzed, requesting ICAO to inform the States about the results of these negotiations , and authorizing ICAO to use, in case necessary, funds programmed within spare parts budget line of project RLA/98/019.

Other issues

2.11 Under this agenda item, the Meeting decided to carry out the next coordination meeting during the second half of August 2003, but, due to different reasons, this meeting had to be programmed for November 2003.

2.12 Likewise, updated information of the REDDIG in the *web* page of the Regional Office was requested, and partners of the project were called to participate more actively in the forum, in order to be able to coordinate in a better way the project activities.

2.13 As **Appendix A** to this working paper, a summary is presented; which contains the conclusions adopted by the different RCCs, as well as their state of fulfillment and/or validity.

3. **Suggested action**

3.1 The Coordination Committee is invited to take note of the information included in this working paper about the fifth meeting of the Coordination Committee, as a base for the discussion of the following issues of the agenda.

APPENDIX A

CONCLUSIONS IN FORCE ADOPTED BY THE RCCs				
Conclusion	Title	Content	Status	Remarks
RCC3/4	Alternative solutions to implement the NCC in Manaus	In order to implement the NCC in Manaus, that project RLA/98/019, in coordination with the contractor SEEE, study alternative solutions to that meaning to transfer the NCC from Lima to Manaus, which can be of benefit to the management and operation of the REDDIG.	In force	In process of revision by ICAO and SEEE
RCC4/2	Detailed breakdown of expenditures when finalizing the project	That ICAO, when project RLA/98/019 activities are concluded, present a detailed breakdown of the expenditures incurred by the project, which should be included in the Project Final Report	In force	WP/04 contains the project detailed breakdown of expenditures
RCC5/1	Use of remaining funds of project RLA/98/019	That, a) remaining funds of project RLA/98/019 be used to cover the cost of fellowships for the training courses programmed under the project, and meanwhile States make the deposits of their costs-sharing contributions to the new project RLA/03/901, ICAO could temporarily make use of the remaining funds of project RLA/98/019 to guarantee the signing of the contract with PanAmSat for the lease of the space satellite segment. b) remaining funds, after the equal distribution of fellowships for each REDDIG node, will be transferred to project RLA/03/901.	In force	WP/04 presents project balance. Once project activities are finalized, remaining funds will be transferred to RLA/03/901

RCC5/2	Activities and schedule for the REDDIG start-up	That the States, in order to finalise the activities for the REDDIG start-up, solve, if they have not yet done it, the pending issues presented in Appendix A to this part of the report, regarding the connection of the user terminal equipment to the REDDIG and, in coordination with the project, make all the necessary efforts to comply starting 2 June 2003 with the schedule of activities indicated in Appendix A .	In force	
RCC5/3	Implementation of the backup network	That the States, in coordination with the project and considering the documentation provided in this Report, establish, as an urgent issue, the definite configuration of the REDDIG backup network and take it into practice within the times indicated in Appendix A .	In force	
RCC5/4	REDDIG operation manual	That the ad-hoc task-force, conformed by Argentina, Brazil, Chile, France and Peru, work with the expert of the project to prepare a first revision of the REDDIG Operation Manual, to be used in the date of initiation of the REDDIG start-up and that it include orientation material about normalised procedures of service quality for each REDDIG node.	In force	
RCC5/5	Deadline for the deposit of the States contributions to project RLA/03/901	In order that ICAO could sign a five-year contract with PanAmSat for the rental of the REDDIG satellite segment, the States, as an issue of urgency, and not later than 15 June 2003, deposit in ICAO account their cost-sharing contributions corresponding to the first year payments program established for project RLA/03/901.	In force	
RCC5/6	Participation of Colombia in project RLA/03/901	That ICAO, as an issue of urgency and high-priority, urge Colombia to participate in regional project RLA/03/901 in order that this State is totally integrated to regional communications for the AFS and participates in the efforts to attain institutional agreement of multi-national nature that would facilitate the cost/efficient implementation of CNS/ATM systems.	In force	