



**Agenda Item 7: Other business**

**Flow Control measures established in the coordination procedures  
in ATS Letters of Operational Agreement**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
This working paper is intended to recommend the Meeting to adopt a text related to the contents of messages of air transit flow regulation, in order to be considered in the Letters of Operational Agreement, thus avoiding bottlenecks in the flight information regions adjacent to the FIR imposing ATFM restrictions.	
<b>REFERENCIA:</b>	
- MULT-SAM 06/14-ATS Meeting - Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia 10-14 February 2014	
<i>ICAO strategic objectives:</i>	<i>A - Safety B – Air navigation capacity and efficiency E – Environmental protection</i>

**1. Background**

1.1 The Region has established as a non-convenient practice, the implementation of traffic flow restrictions by means of NOTAMs or ATFM messages, indicating restrictions to one aircraft every 10 minutes, with independency of flight level or with independency of transfer point.

**2. Analysis**

2.1 During the ATS 06/14 Multilateral Meeting held in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, from 10 to 14 February 2014, States participating analyzed these subjects and agreed to establish a paragraph of coordination, indicating not to apply such kind of flow controls, considering its negative impact in safety, capacity and efficiency, as well as the workload of air transit controllers at adjacent FIR affected.

2.2 In said meeting, the text used by States in their Letters of Agreement was as follows:

**FLOW CONTROL MEASURES:** *Flow control measures may be applied with the least possible impact on ACCs involved. Restrictions at transfer points involving time spacing with independency of flight level affecting capacity and efficiency of the considered airspace and of other non-adjacent FIRs, may be avoided. At the same time, supervisors of both ACC, consensually, will manage flexibility of measures and consider special cases by establishing holding points, if necessary, at the FIR implementing the measure.*

2.3 Likewise, the meeting requested the Secretariat to propose this text for regional adoption at SAM/IG/13 meeting.

3. **Suggested action:**

3.1 The Meeting is invited to consider the proposed text for flow control measures and recommend that same becomes an integral part of ATS Letters of Agreement between SAM Region States' ACCs.

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