



**Agenda Item 3: Other business**

**SAM ATS CONTINGENCY PLAN COORDINATION TEAM**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

<b>RESUMEN</b>	
The ATS/CONT/PLAN meeting, held in March 2018, analysed the convenience of establishing a Contingency Coordination Team for the South American Region (CCT-SAM) under the leadership of SAM Officers, with the participation of representatives of SAM States and of IATA and IFALPA.	
<b>References:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ATS/CONT/PLAN meeting report</li><li>• SAM/IG/21 meeting report</li></ul>	
<b>ICAO strategic objectives:</b>	<i>A - Safety D – Economic development of air transport E – Environmental protection</i>

**1 Background**

1.1 The SAM ATS Contingency Plan Workshop/Meeting (ATS/CONT/PLAN) was held at the ICAO South American Regional Office in Lima, Peru, on 19-23 March 2018, with the participation of 11 States (Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Guyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela), totalling 28 participants, including ICAO experts.

1.2 The meeting took note that Annex 11 contained standards for the development and issuance of contingency plans by States/Territories/International organisations to ensure air navigation safety in case of a partial or total disruption of air traffic services (ATS) and/or services supporting international civil aircraft operations.

1.3 Pursuant to the Chicago Convention, States are responsible for ensuring international civil aviation that ATS will continue operating and that the main international air routes will remain open in case of ATS disruption, through the development of an ATM contingency plan.

## 2 Discussion

2.1 The meeting took note that Attachment C to Annex 11 stated that ICAO will be available for monitoring developments that might lead to events requiring contingency arrangements to be developed and applied and will, as necessary, assist in the development and application of such arrangements.

2.2 If it is foreseen that during the emergence of a potential crisis, a coordinating team will be established at the Regional Offices and at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal, and arrangements will be made as necessary for competent staff to be available or reachable 24 hours a day.

2.3 The task of these teams will be to monitor continuously information from all relevant sources, to arrange for the constant supply of relevant information received by the State aeronautical information service at the location of the Regional Office and Headquarters, to liaise with international organisations concerned and their regional organisations, as appropriate, and to exchange up-to-date information with States directly concerned and States which are potential participants in contingency arrangements.

2.4 The meeting recognised that there was no serious degradation of ATS services or risk of warfare affecting air navigation in SAM FIRs, and considered that the SAM Region had to be prepared to respond to different types of contingencies.

2.5 In this regard, it agreed to establish a Contingency Coordination Team for the South American Region (CCT-SAM) under the leadership of SAM Officers, with the participation of representatives of SAM States and of IATA and IFALPA.

2.6 The activities entrusted to the SAM CCT by the ATS/CONTIN/PLAN meeting allow the team to take initial organisational steps, such as:

- In case of contingencies affecting ATS airspace and/or air navigation services, to support, coordinate and exchange truthful and updated information on the contingency, and liaise with the States involved, users and international bodies and organisations concerned, including the NACC Regional Office and ICAO Headquarters;
- Prepare the CCT activation protocol and the work aid for organising and defining the aforementioned activities;
- Foster the development and dissemination of guidance material on ATS contingencies and volcanic ash contingencies;
- Support the development and implementation of the contingency plan on natural disasters and/or catastrophic events for the Region;
- Conduct periodic communication drills between the CCT and the States, and support the drills that States may require in preparation for contingencies; and
- Other activities to ensure safety, through proper contingency response.

As a reference, the appendix contains the draft organisation of the SAM CCT, with the purpose of defining the initial activities of this group.

## 3 Suggested action

3.1 The Meeting is invited to take note of the information contained herein.

## APPENDIX

### ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CONTINGENCY COORDINATION TEAM OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN REGION – SAM CCT

(Draft 0.1)

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Attachment C to Annex 11 states that ICAO will be available for monitoring developments that might lead to events requiring contingency arrangements to be developed and applied and will, as necessary, assist in the development and application of such arrangements. During the emergence of a potential crisis, a coordinating team will be established in the Regional Offices and at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal, and arrangements will be made for competent staff to be available or reachable 24 hours a day.
2. The task of the SAM CCT will be to monitor continuously information from all relevant sources, to arrange for the constant supply of relevant information received by the State aeronautical information service at the location of the Regional Office and Headquarters, to liaise with international organisations concerned and their regional organisations, as appropriate, and to exchange up-to-date information with States directly concerned and States which are potential participants in contingency arrangements.
3. The composition of the Contingency Coordination Team for the South American Region CCT-SAM was proposed at the ATS/CONT/PLAN meeting (Lima, 19-23 March 2018) and approved at the SAMIG/21 meeting (Lima, 21-25 May 2018). The reports and documentation on this matter, developed by the aforementioned meetings, may be found at:

[https://www.icao.int/SAM/Pages/ES/MeetingsDocumentation\\_ES.aspx?m=2018-ATS](https://www.icao.int/SAM/Pages/ES/MeetingsDocumentation_ES.aspx?m=2018-ATS)

[https://www.icao.int/SAM/Pages/ES/MeetingsDocumentation\\_ES.aspx?m=2018-SAMIG21](https://www.icao.int/SAM/Pages/ES/MeetingsDocumentation_ES.aspx?m=2018-SAMIG21)

4. The purpose of this document is to establish the frame of reference of the Contingency Coordination Team for the South American Region (SAM CCT) and provide contact information of ANSPs, aviation authorities, airlines and users involved.
5. The conceptual framework of the CCT for purposes of planning and conducting its activities is based on ICAO Annex 11, the aeronautical information contained in the AIP of SAM States/Territory, State ATS contingency plans, and the basic procedures set forth in this document.

## **GENERAL**

### **SAM CCT management and membership**

1. SAM CCT management is under the responsibility of the ICAO South American Regional Office, through its ATM/SAR and ANS/SAFE officers. The ATM/SAR Officer of the NACC Regional Office in Mexico provides assistance to the CCT and serves as liaison for coordination and dissemination of CAR/SAM inter-regional information.
2. In accordance with the accreditation requested at the ATS/CONT/PLAN meeting and approved at the SAMIG/21 meeting, the SAM CCT has members from the following States:
  - Argentina
  - Brazil
  - Colombia
  - Chile
  - Ecuador
  - Uruguay
3. At ICAO Headquarters, liaison will be established with the airspace management and optimisation section (AMO - Airspace management and optimization) of the Air navigation capacity and efficiency division (AN) of the Air navigation Bureau (ANB).
4. The SAM CCT has representatives of IATA and IFALPA. Attachment 1 to this document contains the list of members, with their respective information.
5. The establishment of the SAM CCT does not restrict the work of the contingency response groups of each State, which are organised in accordance with the applicable procedures, plans and regulations. Attachment 2 to this document contains information on the contingency focal points of SAM States, based on data consolidated at the ATS/CONT/PLAN meeting. A member of the SAM CCT can be a member of the contingency plan team of his/her own State.

### **Activities entrusted to the CCT**

6. The SAM CCT shall develop a draft detailed protocol and an activity framework for the Team. This documentation will be submitted to the consideration of the SAMIG/22 meeting.
7. The activities entrusted to the SAM CCT by the ATS/CONTIN/PLAN meeting allow the team to take initial organisational steps, such as:
  - In case of contingencies affecting ATS airspace and/or air navigation services, support, coordinate and exchange truthful and updated information on the contingency, and liaise with the States involved, users and international bodies and organisations involved, including the NACC Regional Office and ICAO Headquarters;
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**State focal points for ATS contingencies**

8. The focal points of SAM States/Territory for purposes of response and implementation of ATS contingency plans are shown in Appendix B to this protocol.

**Communications**

9. The SAM CCT will use the following means of communications:
  - Telephone
  - Go-to-meeting teleconferences
  - E-mail
  - Any other means as required by the CCT.
10. The communication matrix and priorities are shown in the SAM CCT activation protocol below.

**CCT ACTIVATION PROTOCOL IN CASE OF CONTINGENCIES**

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**SPECIFIC PROCEDURES**

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