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To: Mr. M. Thierry Buttin, Regional Director of Civil Aviation Authority (DSAC)
for French Antilles and French Guiana
Mr. Philippe Versi, Regional Director, West Indies and French Guiana
Lt. Col. Egbert Field, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority
H.E. Albert Egbert Jubithana BBA, Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism,
Suriname

Subject: **RLA/06/901 – Second Workshop/Meeting on optimization of ATS coordination and SAM/ATS/ATFM Contingency Plans – SAM NORTH**
(Lima, Peru, 24 to 28 October 2022)

Required: a) Take note and nominate participants no later than **19 August 2022**
Action b) Submit an application form for an ICAO fellowship no later than **2 August 2022**
c) Submit Working/Information Paper no later than **20 September 2022**

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am pleased to refer to the strategy for the support of the optimization of the South American airspace, as well as the program of activities of the Regional Project RLA/06/901 and invite you to participate in the Second Workshop/Meeting on optimization of ATS coordination and SAM/ATS/ATFM Contingency Plans - SAM NORTH, to be held at this Regional Office, from October 24 to 28, 2022, with the objective of updating operational letters of agreement (LOA ATS), harmonizing ATS Contingency Plans (level 2), optimizing the minimum longitudinal separation in continental airspace, as well as improvements in the provision of ATFM service

It is worth mentioning that the implementation group for the SAM Region (SAM/IG) approved in November 2020 the Framework Plan for ATS Contingencies (MCATS/SAM) aimed at guaranteeing the safety and fluidity of air operations in the event of such contingencies, as well as how to optimize the multilateral response of the ATS services with the support of the concerned States, and coordination with this Regional Office.

The provisional Agenda is included in **Attachment A**. The mnemonic sheet with details of the event and the profile required for the participants as well as the list of Flight Information Regions (FIRs) that will be part of the discussions is included in **Attachment B**. It is expected that the delegates nominated by your State have powers to harmonize, coordinate and sign the corresponding agreements.

The aforementioned Workshop/Meeting will be held in Spanish with simultaneous interpretation into English. In order to achieve the expected results, it is important that each participating State reports the progress made in each of the activities indicated on the agenda, through a Working Paper or Information Paper, sending said information no later than September 20, 2022.

In this sense, we would appreciate confirming the list of your representatives by sending the registration form (**Attachment C**) to this Office no later than August 19, 2022.

States that wish to attend this event may use of the following financing alternatives:

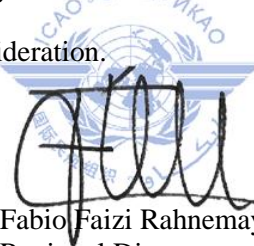
- a) One (1) fellowship for each Member State of the Regional Project RLA/06/901, which is involved in the activities of the Workshop/Meeting, as indicated:
 - i. French Guiana
 - ii. Guyana
 - iii. Suriname
- b) Fellowships from a national ICAO technical cooperation project approved for your country; or
- c) Your Administration's own resources, if you do not have any of the above possibilities

For participants who receive a fellowship from the RLA/06/901 Regional Project, the Application Form for an ICAO Fellowship (**Attachment D**) is included, which must be completed and sent to this Office no later than September 2 of 2022.

It is recommended that all participants, including delegates and experts attending the event, purchase travel assistance insurance or have valid international medical insurance in case of any eventuality related to their health, in addition to the necessary visas and vaccinations.

Mr. Fernando Hermoza, ATM/SAR Regional Officer (fermoza@icao.int), from the ICAO South American Regional Office, is at your disposal should you require any additional information about this event.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration.



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ICAO South American Office
Lima

Attachment

As indicated

cc: Mr. Patrick Pezzeta, Deputy Director, Antilles-Guyane, French Antilles
Mr. Alain Kerhascoet, Head of French Guiana Air Control Centre Cayenne-Félix Eboué Airport, Head of the Aircraft Search and Rescue RCC
Mr. Jean-Jacques Deschamps, Directeur Adjoint, ANSP Martinique, French Antilles-Guyane
Mr. Damien Cazé, Director General of Civil Aviation, France
Mrs. Estrella Noordzee, Permanent Secretary, Directorate of Transport, Suriname
Mrs. Cindy Toemin, Acting Head of Civil Aviation Department, Suriname
Mr. Brian de Souza, Director a.i, Civil Aviation Safety Authority Suriname, CASAS, Suriname
Mr. Marcus Doller, Air Safety Support Intl. (ASSI), United Kingdom
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ATTACHMENT A

RLA/06/901 – Second Workshop/Meeting on optimization of ATS coordination and SAM/ATS/ATFM Contingency Plans – SAM NORTH

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda

Item 1: Progress of the optimization of longitudinal separation for aircraft in continental airspace. Action plan.

Agenda

Item 2: Update of letters of agreement – LOA ATS

Agenda

Item 3: Harmonize the ATS Contingency Plans (level 2) in accordance with the MCATS, based on the tasks and progress of the group of specialists GESEA

Agenda

Item 4: Coordination and signing of agreements/understandings on ATS/ATFM/CONTIN matters

Agenda

Item 5: Improvements in ATFM supply matters

Agenda

Item 6: Other business

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

HOUR (Lima)	Monday24	HOUR (Lima)	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28
0830 0900	Registration of participants	0830 1030	Agenda Items 5 & 6	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Groups	Grupos <i>ad-hoc</i>	Presentation of reports by <i>ad-hoc</i> Groups (Plenary)
0900 0915	Opening Session					
0915 1030	Agenda Items 1 & 2					
1030 1045	<i>Coffee Break</i>	1030 1045	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
1045 1215	Agenda Items 1 & 2	1045 1215	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Groups	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Groups	Grupos <i>ad-hoc</i>	Presentation of reports by <i>ad-hoc</i> Groups (Plenary)
1215 1300	<i>Lunch Break</i>	1215 1300	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>
1300 1400	Agenda Items 3 & 4	1300 1400	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Groups	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Groups	Presentation of reports by <i>ad-hoc</i> Groups (Plenary)	Summary of the Meeting and next steps
1400 1500	Agenda Items 3 & 4	1400 1500	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Groups	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Groups	Presentation of reports by <i>ad-hoc</i> Groups (Plenary)	Closure



ATTACHMENT B

ICAO SOUTH AMERICAN REGIONAL OFFICE

MNEMOTECNIC PAPER

Second Workshop/Meeting on optimization of ATS coordination and SAM/ATS/ATFM Contingency Plans – SAM NORTH Lima, Peru, 24 to 28 October 2022	
Regional Strategy for Aircraft/Airspace Separation Optimization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Until December 2022, assist States in the implementation of the 20 NM longitudinal separation in continental space. Achieve 80% (20 of 25 FIR) on implementation. ○ By December 2023, achieve 100% on implementation of the 20 NM longitudinal separation in continental airspace. ○ Until December 2022, assist SAM States in updating their ATS contingency plans, aligned with the ATS Contingency Framework Plan for the Region (MCATS), and ATS Operational Letters of Agreement. Achieve 100% of updated and implemented documents. ○ Continuous tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Monitor the implementation of the 20 NM longitudinal separation in continental SAM space. b) Monitor the implementation of ATS Contingency Plans c) Coordinate the implementation in the interregional segments with the CAR Region. d) Follow up on post-implementation tasks.
Objective of the Workshop/Meeting SAM/ATS/ATFM –SAM NORTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promote the implementation of the minimum separation of 20 NM in continental space; ○ Improve the application of ATFM measures; ○ Update operational letters of agreement between ACC dependencies ○ Harmonize ATS Contingency Plans. ○ Flight Information Regions (FIRs) involved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FIR AMAZÓNICA ▪ FIR ATLÁNTICO ▪ FIR BARRANQUILLA ▪ FIR BOGOTÁ ▪ FIR CAYENNE ▪ FIR GEORGETOWN ▪ FIR GUAYAQUIL ▪ FIR LA PAZ ▪ FIR LIMA ▪ FIR MAIQUETÍA ▪ FIR PANAMÁ ▪ FIR PARAMARIBO

<p>Activities carried out by the SAM Region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshop for the optimization of longitudinal separation, October 2017 ○ ATFM Regional Seminar, March 2018 ○ ATS Workshop/Meeting for Contingency Plans and Operational Letters of Agreement, March 2018 ○ First Workshop/Meeting on optimization of ATS coordination and SAM/ATS/ATFM Contingency Plans – SAM SOUTH, Lima, Peru, September 5-9, 2022
<p>Current situation of the SAM Region regarding the optimization of aircraft/airspace separation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A minimum separation of 20 NM longitudinal has been implemented in 40% (10 of 25) of the SAM FIRs. At certain transfer points between ACCs, as an exception, a minimum of 40 NM is applied due to limitations in VHF communications. ○ The ACCs of the SAM Region have signed ATS Operational Letters of Agreement (LOA ATS) with the adjacent dependencies. A permanent ATS LOA updating task is required given that the RNAV-5 implementation at the Regional and Interregional levels generates changes in FIR transfer points. ○ The potential contribution of ATFM services in support of ACCs in cases of ATS contingencies has been identified.
<p>Nature of the event</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Analysis and feasibility of 20 NM longitudinal separations. ○ Analysis of ATS Contingency Plans. ○ Subscription or review of ATS letters of agreement (LOA ATS). ○ Improvements to the ATFM service
<p>Participants profile</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ATM/ATS authorities with powers to coordinate and sign operational Letters of Agreement (LOA ATS) and/or Memorandum of Understanding in the ATS and/or ATFM field on behalf of their State/Administration. ○ State ATM planners. ○ ATM specialists from ANSP providers.
<p>Next steps in strategy development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Execution by the States of the procedures indicated in the MCATS, drills, update of the call tree, etc. ○ Studies to extend the AIS, MET and CNS components of the MCATS.
<p>Contact staff at the SAM Office</p>	<p>Mr. Fernando Hermoza Hübner ATM/SAR Regional Officer ICAO South American Regional Office fhermoza@icao.int</p>