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Agenda Item 2: Review of the Reports of the AIS/MAP Subgroup Contributory Bodies
2.2 ICAO/PAIGH Aeronautical Charts Working Group (MAP-WG)

STATUS OF THE ICAO/PAIGH PROJECT

(Presented by the Rapporteur of the ICAO/PAIGH Aeronautical Charts Working Group (MAP-WG))

SUMMARY

This working paper presents progress made with regard to the implementation of the ICAO/PAIGH cooperation project for the production of 1:1.000.000 and 1:500.000 VFR aeronautical charts, and considers new proposals by the States regarding implementation of required actions.

References:

- Report of the Ninth Meeting of the Aeronautical Information Services Subgroup (AIS/MAP/SG/9), (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 13-17 June 20).
- XX PAIGH Chart Consultation Meeting (Caracas Venezuela, 16-23 November 2005).
- Acts of the meeting of the National Advisory Committee of the PAIGH Charts Commission.
- Coordination and implementation of information on aeronautical charts meeting (Lima, Peru).
- WP/32 of the Second Meeting of North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation (NACC/DCA/2) (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 11-14 October 2005)
- Report of the Thirteenth Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS), (Santiago, Chile, 14-18 November 2005).

1. Introduction

1.1 This working paper takes into consideration WP/32 of the NACC/DCA/2 meeting and it presents the background from the PAIGH Charts Commission and General Secretariat.

2. Background

2.1 During the AIS/MAP/SG/9 Meeting, the participants agreed on the need to promote a regional integration and co-operation project in order to attain production of VFR aeronautical charts, by the presentation of a project called the “PAIGH/ICAO Project for the Production of aeronautical charts” before the Pan American Geography and History Institute.

2.2 In view of the foregoing, Mr. Bernal Mesen of ICAO met with Mr. Rodrigo Barriga of PAIGH and Ms. Viviana Barrientos, the Rapporteur of the ICAO/PAIGH Aeronautical Charts Working Group (MAP-WG) at the GREPECAS/13 Meeting. They agreed on the opportunity and importance to join efforts on an activity of such regional and international implications. It was agreed that the AIS/MAP Subgroup would present a project to the PAIGH Chart Commission so that it might be supported by both organizations. In view of the fact that PAIGH's funds are reduced, it was agreed to look for other funding resources. Mr. Mesen committed to have GEASA/ITHO sponsor the project. Mr. Barriga committed to support the initiative of the Chilean Aero-Photogrametric Service, where Ms. Barrientos works, to effect coordination with the Aeronautical Charts Committee of the PAIGH Chart Commission.

2.3 The XVIII PAIGH General Assembly and the Commissions met in Caracas, Venezuela from 16-23 November 2005 and elected new leadership. The Chilean delegation presented its nomination, which was supported by Argentina. As a result, the Aeronautical Charts Committee Coordination resides under Chile.

2.4 In order to reactivate the PAIGH Aeronautical Charts Committee, its coordinator, Ms. Barrientos, sent papers to the national representatives of the Charts Commission with regard to membership, but received few replies.

2.5 As agreed, an ICAO/PAIGH project on production of aeronautical charts was prepared; however, it did not comply with PAIGH requirements and was retained by the Directorate. Therefore, it could not be evaluated by the PAIGH Advisory Committee. In view of the foregoing, PAIGH's Secretary General, Mr. Santiago Borrero Mutis, was contacted. He pointed out the importance to reformulate the project and the need to insist on reactivating the committee due to the difficulty of States to participate in coordination meetings, especially on the production of digital aeronautical charts.

2.6 Therefore, the "ICAO – PAIGH Digital Charts Project" has been reformulated and will be presented to the Subgroup for review and approval.

3 Tasks

3.1 To revise and present the "ICAO – PAIGH Digital Charts Project" to PAIGH as information to the Directorate and approval by the Advisory Committee of the PAIGH's Charts Advisory Commission, to support the production of VFR Digital aeronautical charts in scales 1:1.000.000 and 1:500.000, under common standards. Likewise, to present the project to ICAO, so that it may establish the required funding mechanisms.

4 Needs

4.1 State-level mechanisms should be established in order to reactivate the Aeronautical Charts Committee so that the ICAO/PAIGH project can count on the support and approval of all the participants.

4.2 The States of the Regions should send to the ICAO NACC and SAM Regional Offices letters supporting implementation of the "ICAO – PAIGH Digital Charts Project."

4.3 ICAO should be advised on the need for establishing funding mechanisms for the aforementioned project.

5. Suggested Action

5.1 Present the “ICAO – PAIGH Digital Charts Project” for approval by the Subgroup.

5.2 Present the aforementioned project to PAIGH for its approval.

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CONCLUSION 10/X

CONSOLIDATION OF THE JOINT ICAO/PAIGH PROJECT

That:

- a) ICAO and PAIGH work in a coordinated manner with regard to the production of aeronautical charts on a common productive basis;
- b) the feasibility of establishing common standards and procedures with regard to the production of VFR digital aeronautical charts be analysed by ICAO and PAIGH; and
- c) funding methods be established by ICAO.

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