



**THE 8TH NAFISAT SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
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**Agenda Item 7.3 Implementation of APIRG/18 Conclusions and Recommendations of
Relevance to NAFISAT Network**

Future of NAFISAT Post 2015 - Proposals

Presented by IATA



Agenda item 7.3f:
Future of NAFISAT Post 2015

Introduction

- Recognizing lack or low reliability of AFTN and ATS/DS communications in the AFI region North Eastern part APIRG/13 through conclusion 13/15 recommended establishment of North Eastern AFI VSAT Network to redress shortcoming
- IATA and ATNS were mandated in 2004 to provide, operate, manage and maintain the network on cost recovery basis
- Implementation of MoUs significantly contributed to establishing a high performance telecommunication infrastructure
- Current arrangement is due to expire in 2015 and decisions should be made on NAFISAT future

Action taken

- During 7th NAFISAT Supervisory Committee meeting, IATA proposed new ownership model under which member States and Network Provider roles were redefined
- It was agreed that Committee submits proposal to member States and those States to provide feedback by July 2012.
 - Proposal was not submitted due to:
 - Further study determined “NewCo” not feasible
 - Lot of risks and unpractical

Concerns

- APIRG/18 Conclusion 18/27 recommended States members to make arrangements to ensure sustainability of NAFISAT network
 - No proposals received so far
 - Given date for “end life” of current network, if responsibility is given back to States, mature proposal should be already in place to avoid previous situation where low reliability of AFTN and ATS/DS communications were observed
 - Safety operations primacy must be considered over any consideration

Way Forward

- ATNS proposed extension of current MoU for 07 years without increasing of charges for operators.
- No other viable option proposed: continuity of services, interoperability no charges increasing, interoperability not guaranteed
- IATA (Airlines) of the view ATNS proposal will :
 - Ensure continuity of services with high performance and interoperability with neighbouring networks
 - not increase charges for operators
- Then, recommend to adopt proposal to extend MoU for 07 years