

MIDANPIRG AFS/ATN TF/7
Report on Agenda Item 3

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 3: REVIEW OF THE MID AFTN/CIDIN ROUTING DIRECTORY

3.1 Under this Agenda Item, the meeting was presented with a working paper by Lebanon presenting proposals for the amendment of the current MID AFTN Routing Directory taking into consideration AFS/ATN TF/5 meeting Decision 5/2 and Conclusion 5/3, the meeting was requested to amend the current AFTN Routing Directory and to review table COM 1A for the purpose of deleting circuits which are no longer necessary.

3.2 Consequently the meeting recommended that under normal circumstances, the tributary centers should not be used to relay messages

3.3 The paper also noted that the AFS/ATN TF/6 meeting agreed not to introduce major changes as proposed in the above-mentioned Decision 5/2 and Conclusion 5/3 until the results of the centers statistics on circuit availability, transit time and circuits occupancy are received and analyzed by the AFS/ATN TF/7 meeting.

3.4 The meeting was informed by the Secretariat that some of these statistics particularly concerning circuit occupancy were received and analyzed by MID Office as reported under Agenda Item 4. But that there were yet a number of States who did not send their statistics partially or totally.

3.5 The meeting therefore agreed to ask the ICAO Middle East Office to urge all the States of the Region to send their statistics in order to complete the analysis and to present the results to the next meeting.

3.6 The meeting then proceeded to up-date the current MID AFTN Routing Directory with information provided by States. The up-dated MID AFTN Routing Directory is shown in **Appendix 3A** to the report on Agenda Item 3.

3.7 The meeting also noted that the Middle East Regional office will complete the work of updating the Routing Directory after receiving the necessary information from concerned States and that the 19th edition of the MID AFTN Routing Directory is expected to be published in the third quarter of 2001

3.8 The meeting then reviewed AFS/ATN TF/6 Decision 6/1: *Division of Regional Routing Responsibilities* assigning the development of the table on CIDIN Routing Directory, showing the responsibilities of CIDIN centers, to the co-ordinating body already in charge of collecting, exchanging and co-ordinating relevant information between EUR and MID Regions.

3.9 In this context, Mr. Kolja Wabra, Rapporteur of the CIDIN Operational Group of EANPG AFSG provided the meeting with a thorough presentation on the way Europe is managing the issue with Eurocontrol through a CIDIN management center. He presented the format adopted by the EUR Region for the AFTN/CIDIN Routing Directory, which contains more detailed information on the centers, which are necessary for the CIDIN centers. The meeting therefore adopted the following Conclusion:

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CONCLUSION 7/1: MID AFTN/CIDIN ROUTING DIRECTORY

That,

- a) In up-dating and publishing an AFTN/CIDIN Routing Directory the MID Region uses the new format adopted in Europe and included in **Appendix 3B** to the report on Agenda Item 3
- b) The co-ordinating body be tasked to complete the study

3.10 To this effect, the meeting urged all the members from Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia of the co-ordinating body to be present at the fourth meeting of the EANPG AFSG (Paris, 23-27 April 2001) where CIDIN management matters will be discussed and to make side meetings in order to report to the next COM/MET Sub-Group meeting. The meeting also expressed its wish that the CNS Officer of ICAO Middle East Office attend the AFSG/4 meeting to co-ordinate the work.

3.11 The meeting was also informed by Mr. Wabra that Tehran Centre asked Athens Centre and afterwards Nicosia Centre to establish a link between Tehran and the mentioned Centres. The meeting noted that the entry/exit points comprising two CIDIN links Cairo/Athens and Beirut/Nicosia, between Europe and MID Region are working satisfactorily and therefore there is no justification to open new circuits between Tehran and Europe.
