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Guadeloupe, France, 22 to 24 October 2014

Agenda Item 2: E/CAR AFS Network 2.4 E/CAR/NTG future meetings

E/CAR/NTG FUTURE MEETINGS

(Presented by E/CAR/NTG Rapporteur)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This paper discusses the future meetings of the E/CAR/NTG.	
Action:	The suggested actions are given in Section 3
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency• Environmental Protection
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fourth Eastern Caribbean Network Technical Group meeting (E/CAR/NTG/4), and Second Eastern Caribbean Radar Data Sharing Group Meeting (E/CAR/RD/2), (Martinique, French Antilles, France, 17 - 18 June 2013)

1. Introduction

1.1 There have been four previous E/CAR/NTG meetings. The previous meetings have been held annually since 2010, hosted by Trinidad and Tobago in 2010 and 2011, Barbados in 2012, and Martinique in 2013.

1.2 Ever mindful of the challenges faced by States to fund participation at meetings, two NTG meetings were combined with E/CAR/WG meetings and the E/CAR/NTG/4 meeting was combined with the E/CAR/CATG/1 meeting.

1.3 The annual E/CAR/NTG meetings have proven to be very productive and effective, rapidly solving problems and facilitate coordination on new services implementation and to establish awareness and consciousness on the network health, changes and expansion. Similarly the combination of the E/CAR/NTG Meeting and the Radar Data Sharing Meetings (RDS) have shown a very effective combination for streamlining the surveillance improvements in line with the communication infrastructure.

1.4 Notwithstanding the annual meetings, seven (7) E/CAR Radar Data Sharing Teleconferences and four (4) E/CAR NTG teleconferences have been held with the support of the ICAO NACC Regional Office.

2. Discussion

2.1 The Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Technical Group (E/CAR/CATG) established by the Eastern Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation (E/CAR/DCA) under the action of E/CAR/DCA Conclusion 24/7 has replaced the Eastern Caribbean Working Group (E/CAR/WG). The first meeting of the E/CAR/CATG was held in Martinique on 19-21 June 2013.

2.2 The Eastern Caribbean Network Technical Group (E/CAR/NTG) Terms of Reference, in its working method indicates about the use of teleconferences and holding meetings when necessary for E/CAR/NTG to co-ordinate and advance its works maximizing efficiency and reducing costs.

2.3 In accordance with the E/CAR/CATG rotation of meetings schedule, the next E/CAR/CATG/2 meeting is to be hosted by the United States in 2015. As agreed in the meeting mechanism of the E/CAR/NTG and the E/CAR/CATG, for 2015 both E/CAR/CATG and E/CAR/NTG meeting will be held consecutively, holding the next meeting of the E/CAR/NTG prior to the E/CAR/CATG/2 meeting.

2.4 ICAO has coordinated with the United States and has received the affirmative response for the hosting of these events (E/CAR/CATG/02,E/CAR/NTG/06 and E/CAR/RDS/4) in June 1 to 5, 2015. In this regard the corresponding join coordination of all these meetings shall be include in the work of each group.

3. Suggested actions

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) take note of the information on this paper,
- b) start the coordination and arrangements for the joint multiple meetings events and;
- c) agree to any other actions as deemed appropriate.