



**AIDC TASK FORCE/FPL MONITORING GROUP**  
**Minutes of Teleconference/1**  
**(February 18, 2019 1500 UTC)**

**Purpose and agenda:**

Statement of purpose: to review the work programme and plan next activities

- 1 Review of work programme
- 2 Discussion of face to face AIDC meeting in April
- 3 Scheduling of next FPL data collection

**Participants:**

1. Belize: Gilberto Torres
2. Canada: Troy Wilton
3. Cuba: Yamilaine Trujillo, Jorge Centella, Víctor Machado
4. Curaçao: Jozef Nicolaas
5. Dominican Republic: Julio Mejía, Fernando Casso (rapporteur)
6. Haiti: Erns Edmond
7. Mexico: Margarita Rangel, Daniel Castañeda
8. Trinidad and Tobago: Kent Ramnarace Singh, Ricky Bissessar
9. United States: Dan Eaves
10. COCESNA: Jenny Lee, Luis Coello
11. ICAO: Mayda Avila

**Discussions:**

*Review and approval of agenda*

1. The agenda was approved without modification.

*Review of work programme*

2. The current work programme was discussed. The correct workprogramme was sent by email, and each State commented on the progress in AIDC implementation, as also FPL procedure implementation and issues. The comments were as follows:
  - a) Trinidad and Tobago: AIDC will be tested this year and finalized early next year. Their system will be an upgrade of the current Leonardo system. Tests have been done in the past with NY Oceanic FIR, and most likely these tests will be repeated after the upgrade. As for FPL, in June there will be an upgrade for the implementation of the Central Flight Planning System, and several issues will be addressed with this improvement. There are still duplicates being dealt with.
  - b) Curaçao: The ATM system has been upgraded, although there are no plans for implementing AIDC this year, as it is still being evaluated. Curaçao will check which protocols they currently have available, and consider the possibility of implementing ATS coordination messages. Regarding flight plans, general aviation has been producing issues in this regard, although with the help of ACC filtering the data there has been a drastic reduction of errors. As a note there was also a billing system implemented.
  - c) Dominican Republic: Since last year there has been some testing and corrections done to the AMHS system, because of an issue with the AFTN 69 character per line limit. The testing will resume on March. As for flight plans, a unique address for flight plan submission has been established and published to be effective by February 28th. There have been agreements with airlines for the acceptance of electronic flight plan submission as per the homogeneous procedure. An example of this agreement will be sent to the group.



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- d) Mexico: They are considering the implementation of Class 2 messages with the United States. As for flight plans, they mentioned that they also had been processing flight plans from foreflight.com.
  - e) Cuba: there have been difficulties with flight plans due to the changes that became effective at the end of January. Some FIRs are still including obsolete routes thus producing rejection of flight plans. As for AIDC, Jamaica is starting to prepare for testing, and Cuba is ready, hopefully these will begin on February 28th.
  - f) Belize: AIDC interface with Merida is scheduled to begin.
  - g) Canada: there is testing programmed between Moncton and New York Center, pending an upgrade of the ERAM/ETOP system.
  - h) United States: there is progress in the implementation of handoff. For this year a communication medium will be tested for the purpose, in which Class 1 and 2 and system messages will be implemented.
3. The meeting agreed to submit the updated work programme by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Discussion of face to face AIDC meeting in April*

- 4. ICAO gave details on the upcoming meeting in April, commenting on the agenda and stressing the importance of sending the correct delegates for the decisions and information to be exchanged in the meeting. The industry will offer guidance on the maintenance of databases that impact the implementation of AIDC and flight planning, and personnel of the AMC will talk about the maintenance of correct AMHS addressing.
- 5. Curaçao asked if foreflight.com will be attending the meeting, as it would be a good opportunity to sort out issues they have. Dominican Republic pointed out that the representatives of foreflight.com were in IDAC for the flight plan filing agreement and can comment to them about the meeting. ICAO will reach out to invite them.

*Scheduling of next FPL data collection*

- 6. The meeting agreed on performing the data collection next month, the weeks of March 11 – 24. ICAO asked if it would be possible to coordinate with the SAM region so this exercise could be done by both regions, to which the meeting agreed, pending confirmation of the date according to SAM region availability.

**Review of Previous Action Items**

ACT No.	Description	Status	Comments
	none		

**Summary of Action Items from this Meeting**

ACT No.	Description	Status	Comments
01/01	Send an example of a flight plan filer agreement for electronic submission	Valid	Dominican Republic to send by March 1 <sup>st</sup>
02/01	Submit updated work programme	Valid	Task force members to send by March 1 <sup>st</sup>
03/01	Send an invitation to foreflight.com to the AIDC meeting in April	Valid	ICAO to send
04/01	Coordinate with SAM region to agree on joint data collection of flight plan errors	Valid	ICAO to contact SAM region

**Next meeting: TBD**