

International Civil Aviation Organization Fifteenth Meeting on the Improvement of Air Traffic Services over the South Atlantic (SAT/ 15)

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Agenda Item 2 : Air traffic management (ATM)

1.2. Follow up of the AORRA airspace implementation

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Summary

The present working paper aims to present Abidjan ACC state of preparation in view of implementing AORRA phases 3 and 4, and try to analyzes some aspects of AORRA free route airspace that needs to be properly addressed prior to the implementation.

What we need from the meeting is a new date of implementation, a common AIP supplement, convene the procedures of signature of letter of agreement and decide what the status of the airspace will be.

References:

- SAT/14 Meeting Report
- SAT14TF1Meeting Report

1. Introduction:

- 1.1 Since the SAT14 TF/1 meeting in Sal (Cabo Verde) and to comply with Conclusion SAT14TF1/05 Implementation of AORRA Phases 3 and 4 we committed ourselves in Abidjan ACC to get ready for April 2010 by undertaking some major changes.
- 1.2 Despite ICAO effort of coordination, it has not been possible to implement AORRA phases 3 and 4 and despite our recall to comply with what we convene in Sal last year.

2. Discussion:

- 2.1 Taking advantage from experience gained from AORRA phase 2 implementation in Abidjan airspace, the safety assessment and the airspace monitoring of the airspace we were ready at the date of April 2010.
- 2.2 Air Traffic Controllers training was no more needed because they were already working on random Routing airspace implemented during the AORRA phase 2.
- 2.3 ADS –C / CPDLC has been implemented, safety assessment: the pre-implementation safety case established the efficiency of air situation visualisation provided by ADS-C and the improvement in communication offered by CPDLC enhancing the safety in the airspace, the monitoring we are running now helps us to improve our system globally and a post implementation safety case will be made after a period of one (1) year as per Annex 11 provisions.
- 2.4 Despite SAT14TF1 conclusion SAT14TF1/05 on the Implementation of AORRA Phases 3 and 4 on April 2010, we still look forward to obtain from adjacent FIR to accept to:
 - Agree on a consensual date of implementation on July the 29th 2010;

- Hold a coordination meeting including DAKAR ACC, ROBERTS ACC, ABIDJAN ACC and ACCRA ACC, before the convened date of implementation.
- Revise and sign LOA/LOPs;
- Publish AIP/SUPPs;
- That the status of the airspace is class A airspace and accept to provide the same seamless ATC service in SAT airspace. This airspace and the whole SAT airspace is already RVSM; Random Routing and RNP are all incompatible with non-controlled airspace. Moreover, if an airspace is declared to be non-controlled we tend to assure 10 minutes longitudinal separation.

3. Action by the meeting:

The meeting is invited to:

- Note the information provided in the present Working Paper;
- Decide and keep a new date of implementation, a common AIP supplement,
- convene the procedures of signature of letter of agreement LOA/LOP;
- Decide that the status of the airspace is class A in SAT AORRA airspace.