



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE NAFISAT SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE (NAFISAT-SVC/11)
(NAIROBI, KENYA, 10-11 OCTOBER 2016)

Agenda Item 7: Review of Status of signing of the new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

| SUMMARY | |
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| <p>This paper summarizes the Review of Status of signing of the new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) prepared by the Study Group established by NAFISAT SVC/8 Meeting.</p> <p>Membership of the NAFISAT network are Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Yemen.</p> <p>Action by the meeting Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3</p> | |
| <p>Reference (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NAFISAT Memorandum of Understanding ▪ NAFISAT SVC/10 Report ▪ AFI Air Navigation Plan (Doc 7474) ▪ MID Air Navigation Plan (Doc 9708) ▪ Annex 10, to the Convention on International Civil Aviation ▪ ADDENDUM No 001 to the MoU governing NAFISAT Network until 2022 | |
| Strategic Objectives | This discussion paper related to the Strategic Objectives A: Safety; B: Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency |

1. Introduction

1.1 The Tenth Meeting of the North Eastern Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) VSAT Network was held back- to-back with the signing event of the new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NAFISAT member States and Network Service Provider which took place on 21 April 2015 at Concorde El Salam Hotel in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

1.2 The following States signed the new MoU on 21 April 2015: Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Seychelles, Somalia (FISS), Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, the Network Service Provider (ATNS) and IATA.

2. Discussion

2.1 In accordance with Article 3 of the MoU (membership), which states that: “A State wishing to join the NAFISAT network shall apply to the Supervisory Board through the Secretariat and shall comply with MoU. The NAFISAT Supervisory Board will consider the application in its meeting and at its sole discretion approve membership”. Due to the urgency of the subject, the tenth NAFISAT Supervisory Committee meeting requested the Secretariat to fast track the process through an addendum to the New MoU, to be coordinated with the Supervisory Committee Members and signed as soon as possible

2.2 Eritrea and the Republic of South Sudan have signed the **Addendum No. 001** to the MoU signed governing the NAFISAT Network until 2022 which specifically refers to the Recommendation of the Tenth NAFISAT Supervisory Committee meeting held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, from 21 to 24 April 2015.

2.3 The meeting will recall that the objective of the NAFISAT network is to support the provision of aeronautical telecommunication services by Member States. Moreover, Article 2 of the NAFISAT Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) stipulates that the aeronautical telecommunications to be supported by NAFISAT network include:

- a) ATS direct speech;
- b) Aeronautical fixed telecommunication network (AFTN), eventually offering a smooth migration support to the aeronautical telecommunication network (ATN) applications, including ATS Message Handling System (AMHS), ATS Inter-facility Data Communication (AIDC)/ On-line Data interchange (OLDI) and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP);
- c) Computer-to-computer data exchanges between ATS flight data processing systems (FDPS);
- d) Operational meteorological data exchanges;
- e) Operational aeronautical information services exchanges;
- f) Aeronautical administrative support;
- g) ADS-B and Radar data exchanges;
- h) VHF Extended range; and
- i) Any other agreed aeronautical services based on the Global Air Navigation Plan.

2.4 Taking into account the capabilities of NAFISAT, Eritrea and South Sudan can resolve their communication deficiencies subject to remaining as a member at least until the end of current term (2022).

3. Action by the Meeting

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information presented in this working paper;
- b) Invite Eritrea and the Republic of South Sudan to sign an agreement with ATNS and IATA.