



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

TWELFTH MEETING OF THE NAFISAT SUPERVISORY BOARD (MAHE, SEYCHELLES, 20-21 SEPTEMBER 2017)

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

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<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 and SVC/11 Reports▪ 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 have signed the new MoU Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Republic of South Sudan, Seychelles, Somalia (FISS), Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and the Network Service Provider (ATNS and IATA).

2. Discussion

2.1 In accordance with Article 3 (membership) of MoU, 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 meeting requested the Secretariat to fast track the process through an addendum to the New MoU, to be coordinated with the Supervisory Board Members and signed as soon as possible.

2.2 The meeting will recall that the objective of the NAFISAT network is to support the provision of aeronautical telecommunication services by Member States.

2.3 Saudi Arabia informed Secretariat that they have concern with the MoU and will sign a bilateral agreement with ATNS at the meeting intended to take place in Jeddah, KSA during the last week of February 2017.

2.4 Yemen had confirmed its participation in the NAFISAT network and that the MoU would be signed when circumstances allow.

3. Action by the Meeting

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information presented in this working paper; and
- b) Invite Yemen to sign NAFISAT MoU and the Saudi Arabia and ATNS to confirm the signing of the bilateral agreement.

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