



Cairo FIR Optimisation

ATM SG/10TH AND CNS SG/13TH
MEETINGS

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Enhancements Within Cairo FIR



On going Projects:

- 1-Airspace Restructure 2024-2025.
- 2-Establishment of National Airspace Management Center (NASMC)2024.
- 3- ATM System Modernization: 2025-2026

OLDI/AIDC Connections:

- 1- OLDI Athens: **established**.
- 2-AIDC Jeddah ACC :**established**.
AIDC Riyadh ACC: **Ongoing**
- 3- AIDC AMMAN: 2025: **Ongoing**

MID Region Tension



1053 Daily OVR FLY

+110%

Comparing to AVG
daily -7

- ✈ Traffic flow start utilizing Cairo FIR by early morning on the 14th April.
- ✈ The traffic increase by 514 flights.
- ✈ The traffic growth by 110% comparing to the average daily overflying before the closure take place.



2. Closure Information.



BEFORE

AFTER



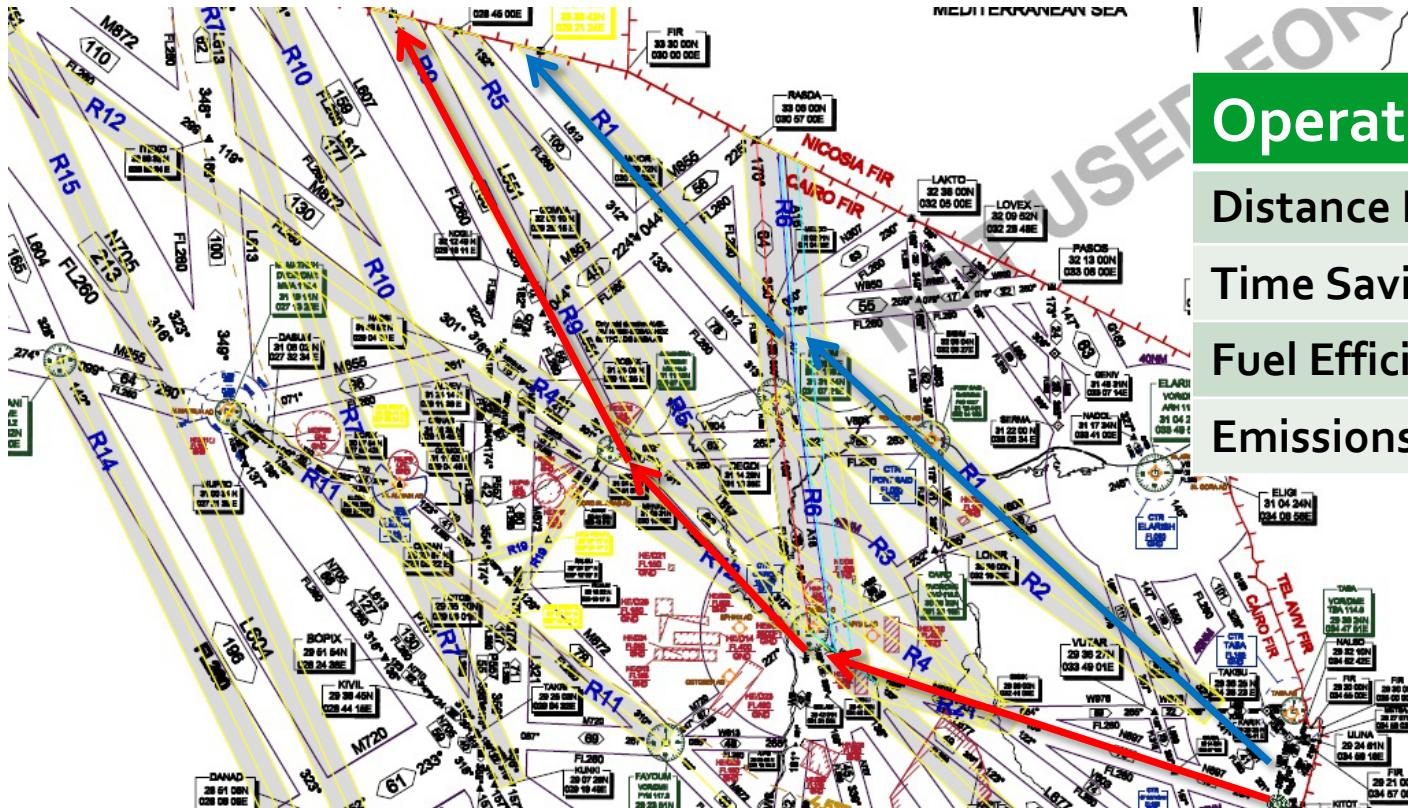


Airspace Restructure Enhancements with adjacent FIRs



Inside Cairo FIR – Phase III

- (DATOK-PSD-MELDO-**NEW POINT Athens FIR**) to Connecting Jordanian and Saudi airspace to Greek airspace, enhancing flight efficiency by reducing flight time and shortens flight distance by **88.3**

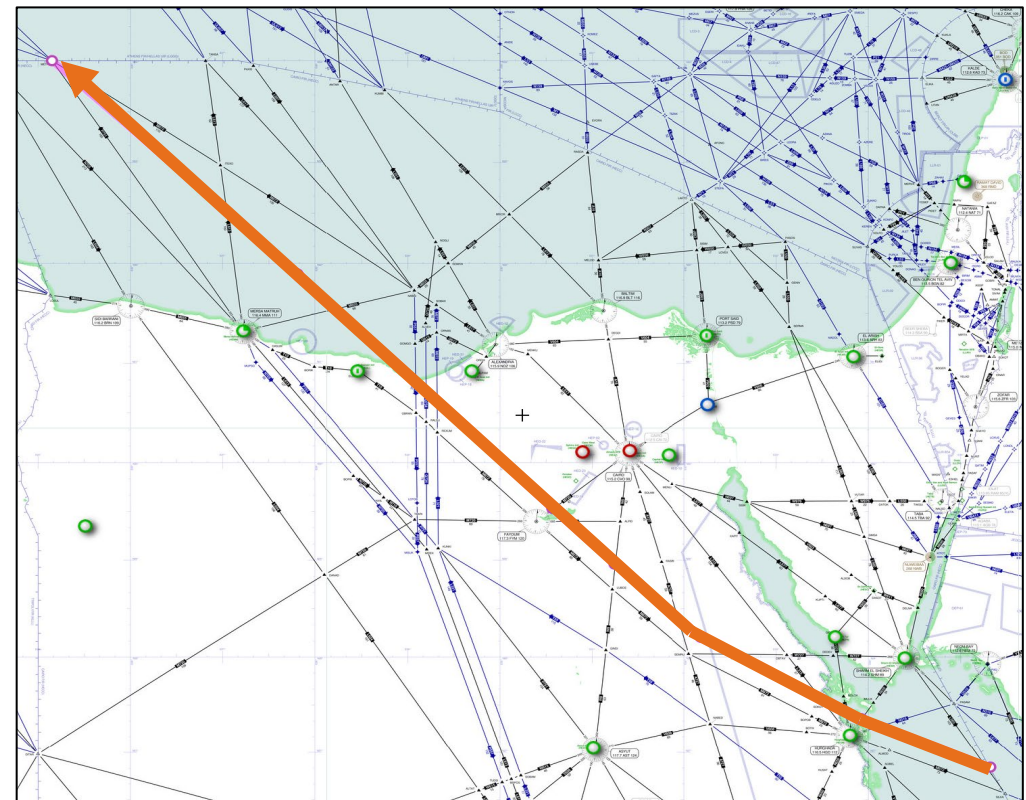


Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	80.3 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 10 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 466.9 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 1475.4 kg

Inside Cairo FIR – Phase III

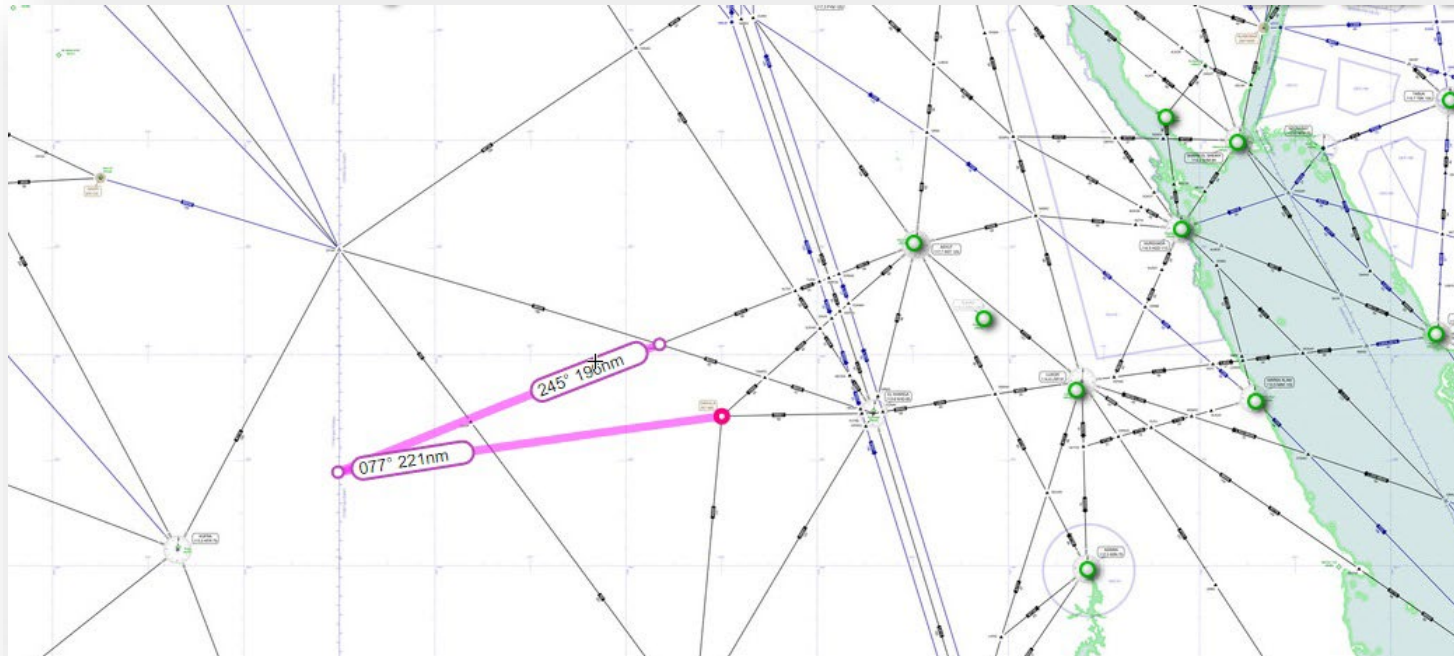
- The dualization of **M872** accommodates a larger volume of air traffic while improving traffic flow and connectivity between the Far East, the Gulf, and North Africa/Europe .



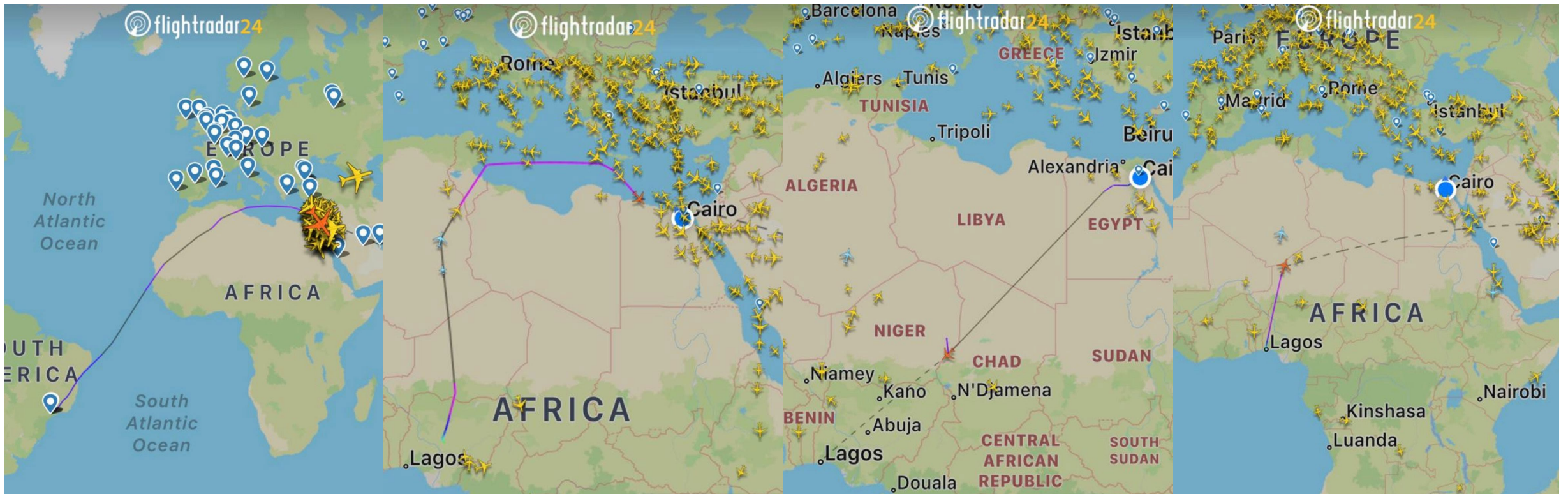
Route Connecting ASIA-AFRICA

Via Libyan Airspace

- A direct Route Connecting Regional ATS Routes Connecting KHG / NAKDO to KFR within Tripoli FIR.
- NEW COP with Tripoli FIR.
- Proposal is coordinated with Libyan Authorities.

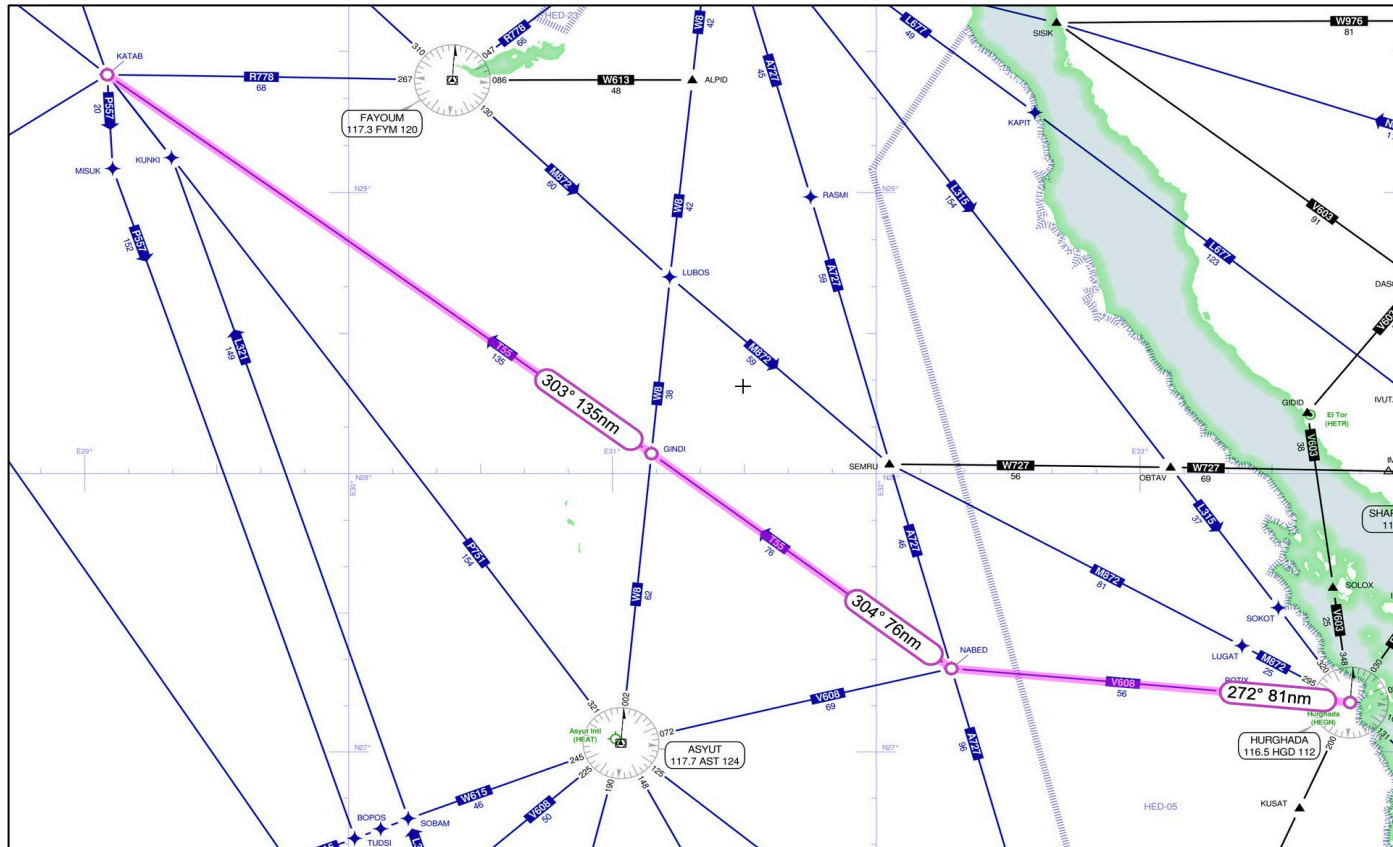


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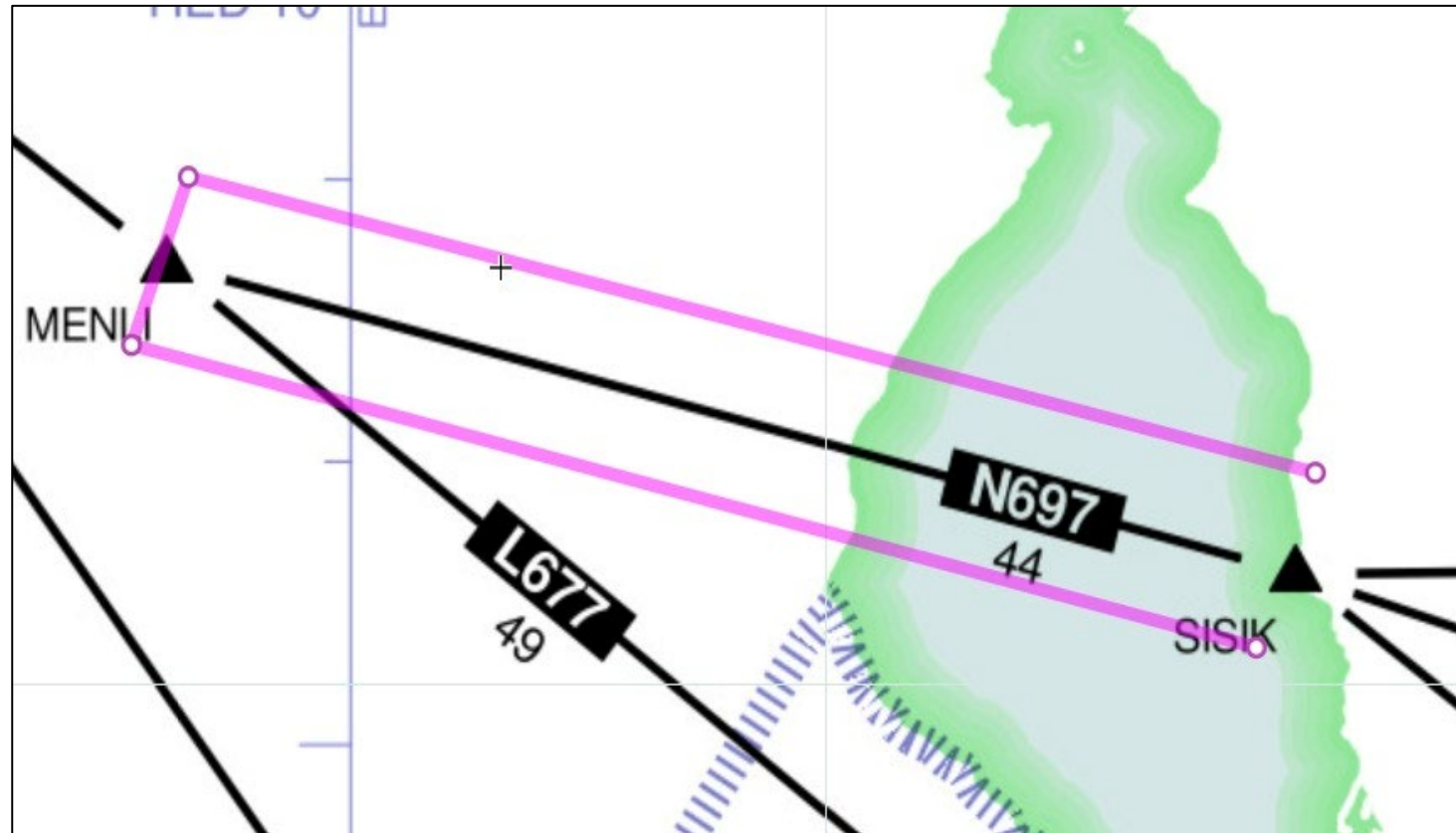
Inside Cairo FIR – Phase I

- Extend **T55** operation hours to be **24** hours and reduce the minimum flight level from FL330 to FL 260 to serve HEGN departures



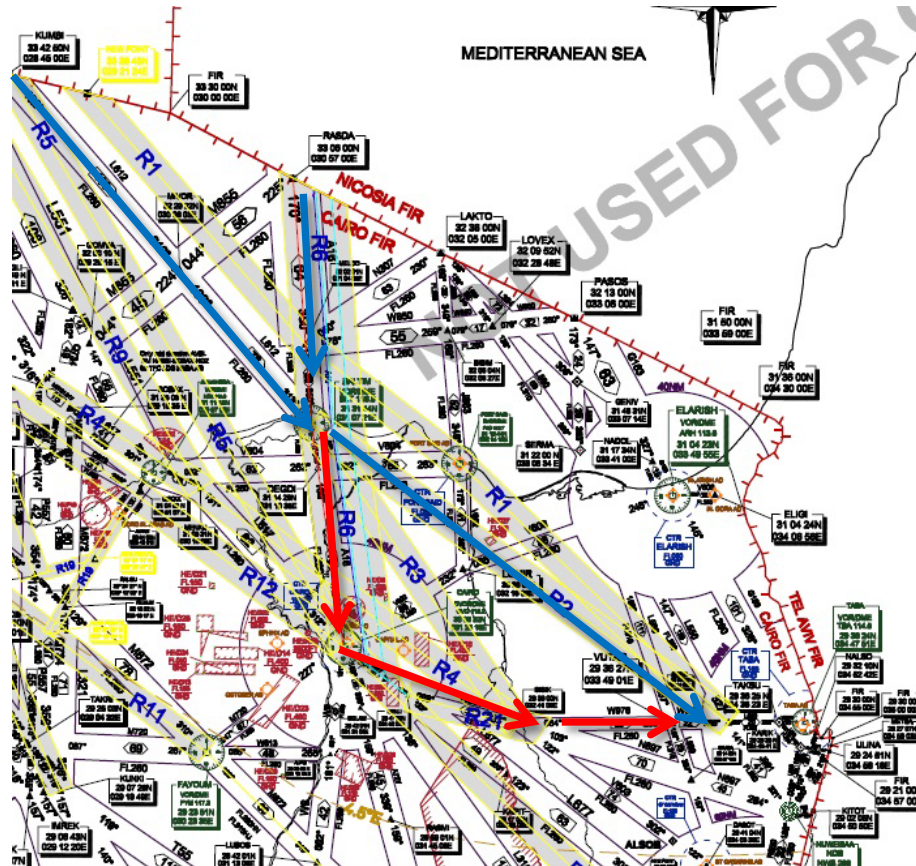
Inside Cairo FIR – Phase I

- Increase N697 Width to be **10NM** between MENLI & SISIK



Inside Cairo FIR – Phase II

- A direct route between (BLT-DATOK) for air traffic from **RASDA** (NICOSIA FIR) to **ULINA** (AMMAN FIR).

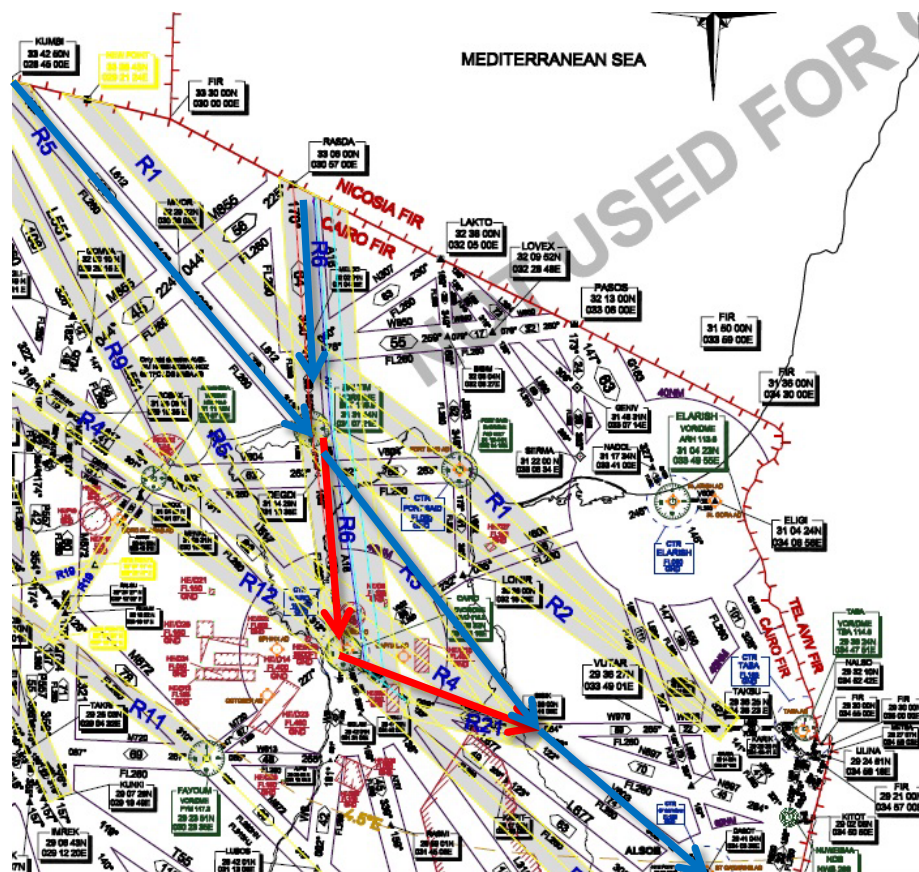


Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	45.3 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 6 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 241.8 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 764.088 kg

Inside Cairo FIR – Phase II

- A direct route between (BLT-SISIK) for flights arriving from Europe to HESH, avoids the congested portion of (BLT-CVO-MENLI)

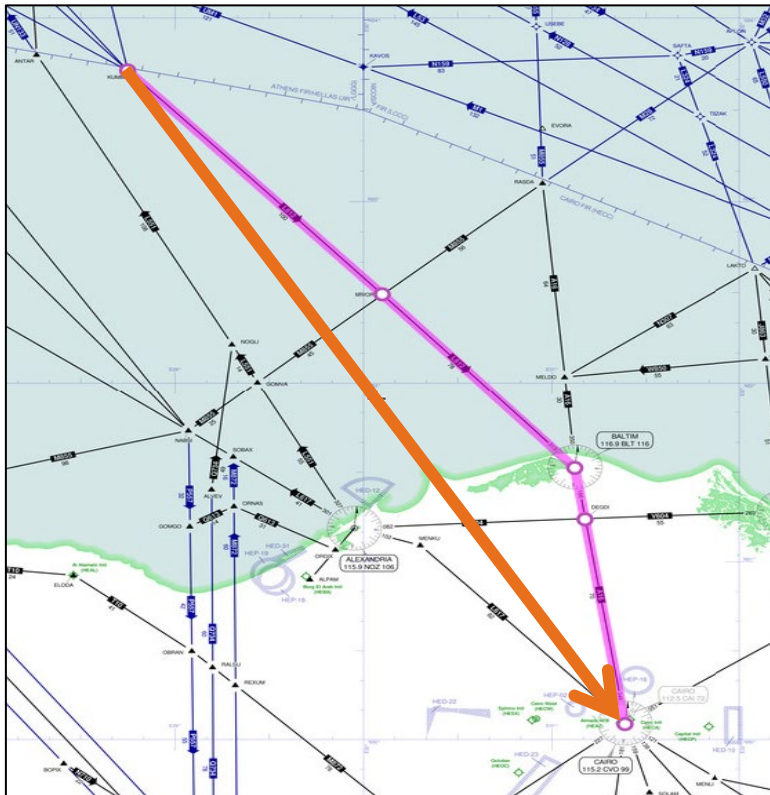


Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	21.3 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 3 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 104.8 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 331.168 kg

Inside Cairo FIR – Phase II

- A direct (**night**) route between (**KUMBI-CVO**) facilitates air traffic from Europe, separating traffic from Athena airspace via (KUMBI) from traffic on airway (A16), thus avoiding high-density points such as (BLT, DEGDI).



Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	9.5 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 2 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 50.4 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 159.3 kg

Inside Cairo FIR – Phase II

- A direct route between (**KUNKI-TANSA**) reduces flight time and aircraft turn rates and shortens the flight distance.



Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	14.7 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 2 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 74.8 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 236.4 kg

Inside Cairo FIR – Phase II

- A direct (**night**) route between (**MENKU-ANTAR**) reduces flight time and aircraft turn rates and shortens the flight distance.

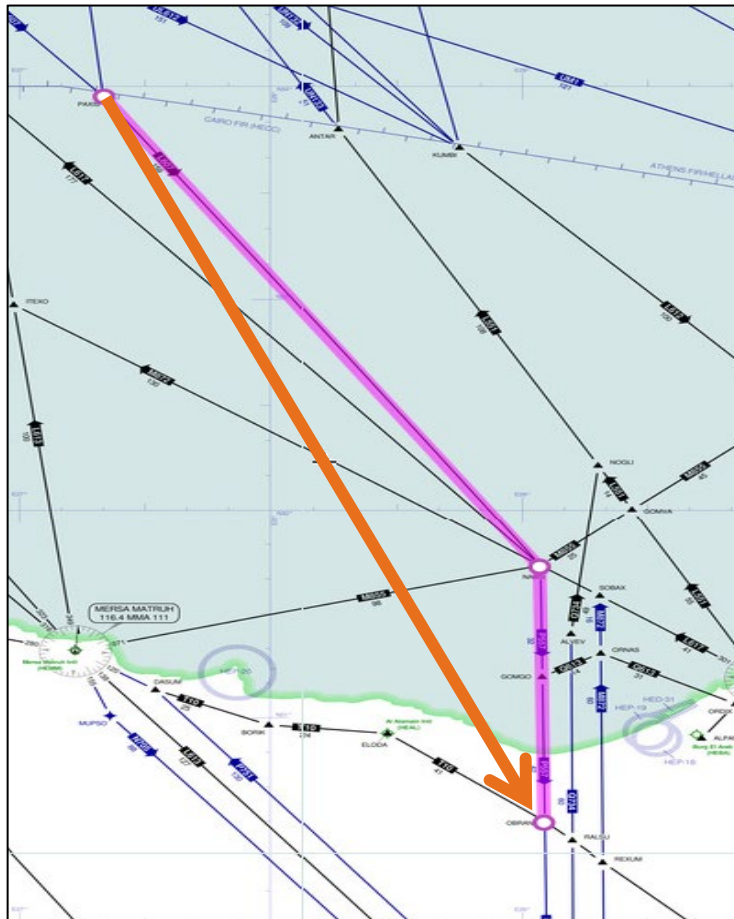


Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	4.9 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 1 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 25 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 79 kg

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- A direct route between (**PAXIS-OBRAN**) reduces flight time and aircraft turn rates and shortens the flight distance.

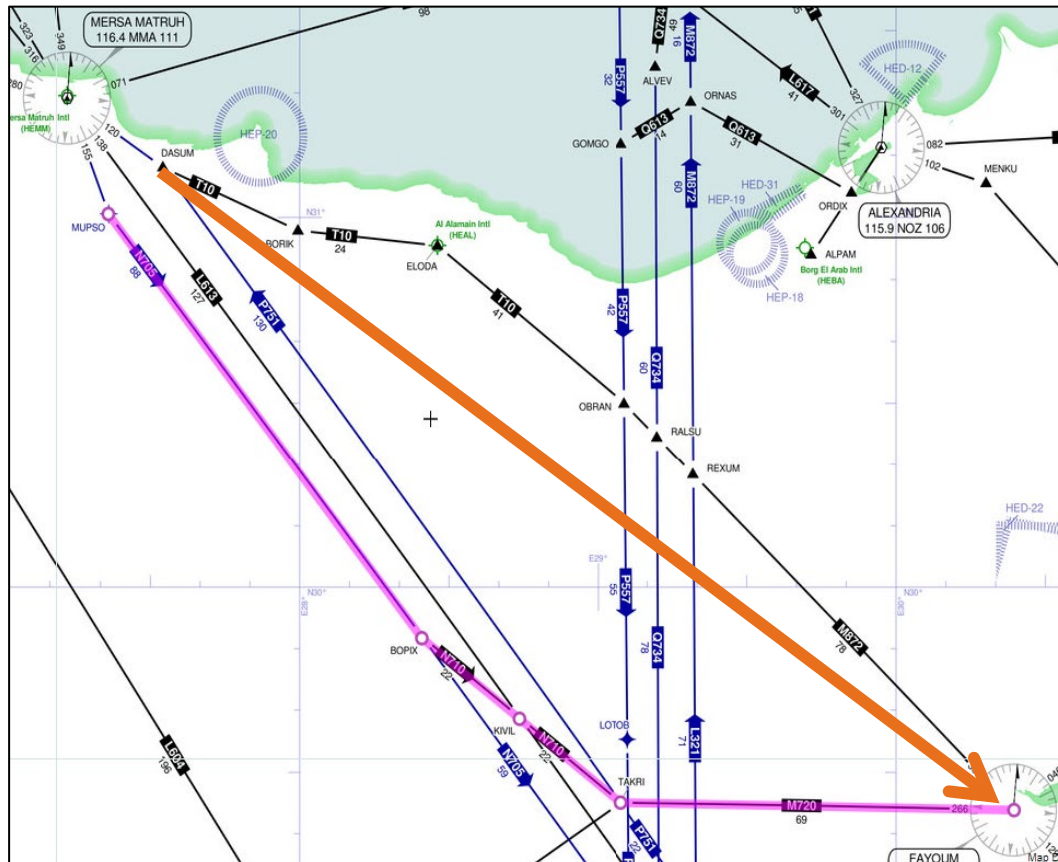


Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	7.9 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 1 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 40.8 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 128.9 kg

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- A direct route between (**DASUM-FYM**) reduces flight time and aircraft turn rates and shortens the flight distance.

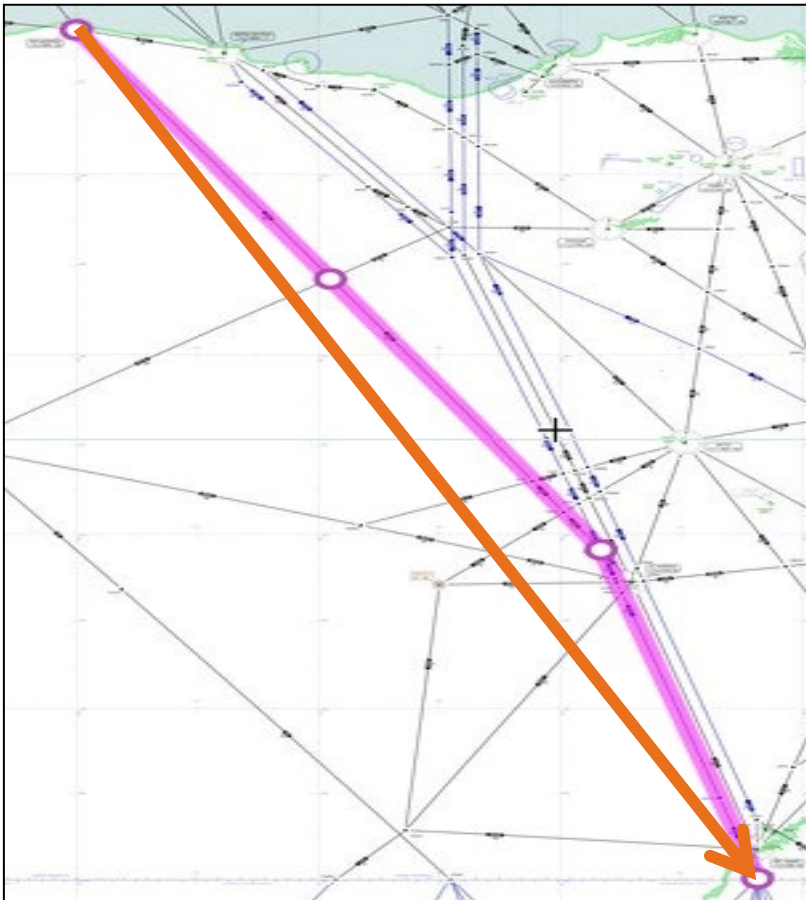


Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	19.5 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 3 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 97.9 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 309.4 kg

Inside Cairo FIR – Phase II

- A direct route between (**BRN-NUBAR**) reduces flight time and aircraft turn rates and shortens the flight distance by **5.2 NM**.

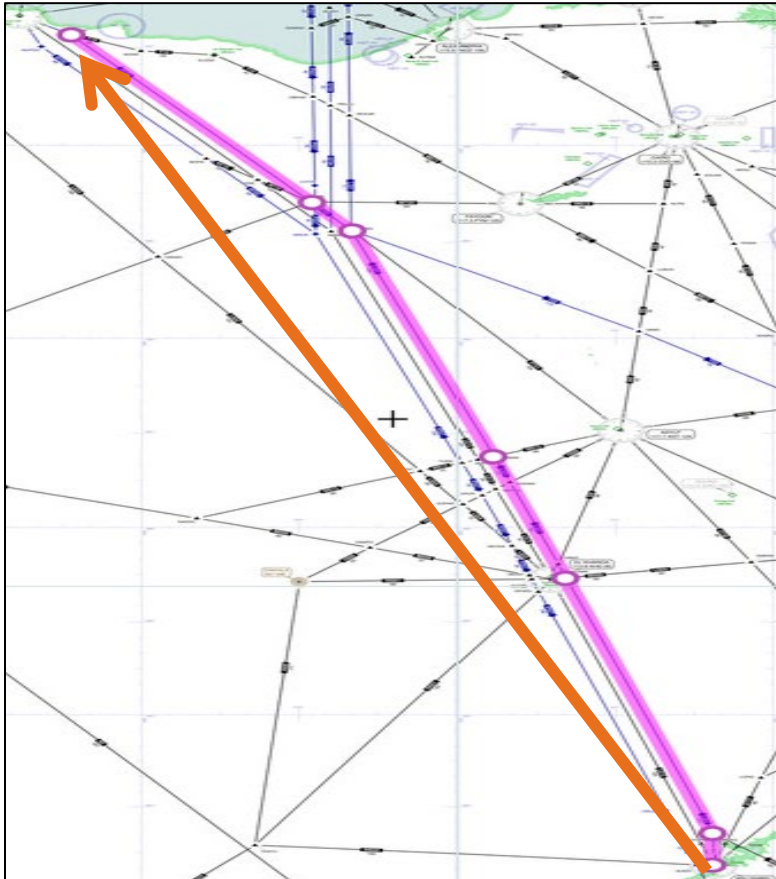


Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	5.2 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 1 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 27.2 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 85.9 kg

Inside Cairo FIR – Phase II

- A direct route between (**SML-DEPKA**) reduces flight time and aircraft turn rates and shortens the flight distance by **10.6 NM**.

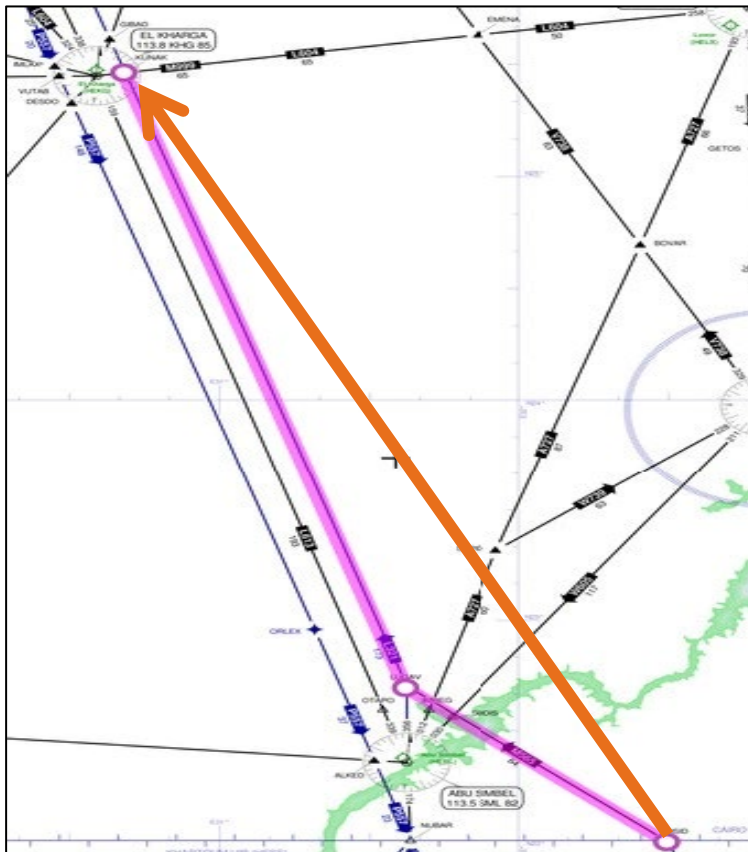


Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	10.6 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 1 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 55.8 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 176.3 kg

Inside Cairo FIR – Phase II

- A direct route between (**SISID-KUNAK**) reduces flight time and aircraft turn rates and shortens the flight distance by **7.3 NM**.

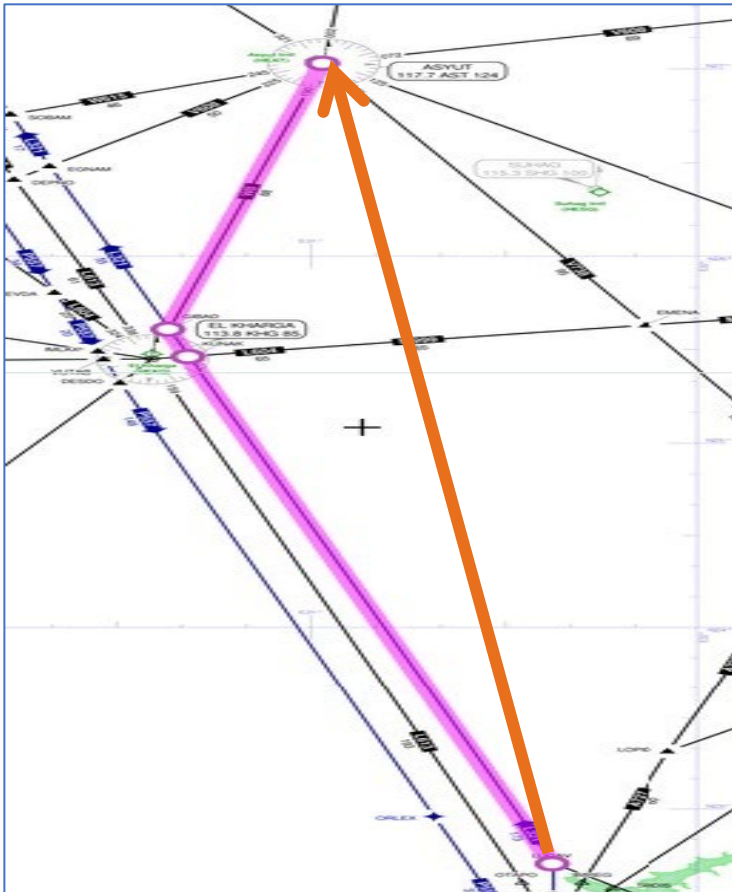


Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	7.3 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 1 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 37.2 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 117.6 kg

Inside Cairo FIR – Phase II

- A direct route between (**LUGAV-AST**) reduces flight time and aircraft turn rates and shortens the flight distance by **8.9 NM**.

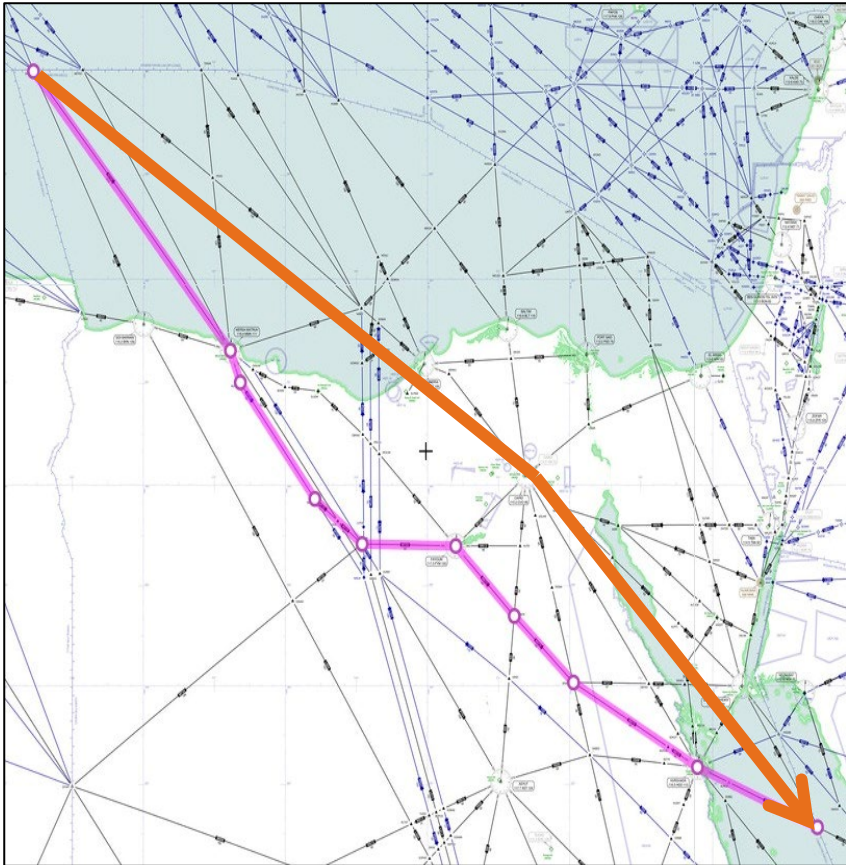


Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	8.9 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 1 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 46.2 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 146.0 kg

Inside Cairo FIR – Phase II

- **(Night) route (SALUN-CVO-SILKA)** Increase flight Efficiency By reducing flight time, Saves distance by **30.5 NM**, Available for overflight , HECA ARR/DEP.



Operational benefits:

Distance Reduction	30.5 nm
Time Savings	Approx. 4 MINs
Fuel Efficiency	Approx. 156 kg
Emissions Reduction	Approx. 492.9 kg



Fast-Time Simulation Results



Fast-Time Simulation

Analytical tool that allows the evaluate and analyze various airspace scenarios without the need for real-time trials.

Fast-Time Simulation

The analysis was conducted for a base –line scenario of traffic sample of August 15, 2024, involving 1,276 flights.

Fast-Time Simulation Parameters

- **Sector-based evaluation:** Each sector's load was analyzed to identify critical areas for improvement.
- **Conflict detection:** The simulator was used to detect and compare potential aircraft conflicts for each scenario to reach optimum solutions.
- **Environmental impact:** Fuel consumption and emission levels were calculated and compared.

Fast-Time Simulation Results

➤ Environmental Impact:

Emission Type	Before Improvements (tons)	After Improvements (tons)
Mass of Fuel	9619.615	9001.832
Mass of CO ₂	30013.199	29009.4
Mass of H ₂ O	9619.615	9001.832
Mass of NO _x	355.926	310.461

ATS Routes Optimisation Results

Route	Current Distance (NM)	Proposed Distance (NM)	Distance Saving (NM)	Fuel Consumption (Current) (kg)	Fuel Consumption (Proposed) (kg)	Fuel Savings (kg)	Fuel Savings (%)	Carbon Emission Savings (kg)	Cost Savings per Flight (USD)
DATOK-PSD-MELDO-NEWPOINT	435.5	347.2	88.3	2300	1833.1	466.9	20.3	1475.4	391.45
BLT-DATOK	243.3	198	45.3	1300	1058.2	241.8	18.6	764.1	202.73
BLT-SISIK	162.3	141	21.3	800	695.2	104.8	13.1	331.2	87.87
KUMBI-CVO	264.8	255.3	9.5	1400	1349.6	50.4	3.6	159.3	42.26
KUNKI-TANSA	333.8	319.1	14.7	1700	1625.2	74.8	4.4	236.4	62.71
MENKU-ANTAR	197.2	192.3	4.9	1000	975	25	2.5	79	20.96
PAXIS-OBRAN	233.1	225.2	7.9	1200	1159.2	40.8	3.4	128.9	34.21
DASUM-FYM	220.3	200.8	19.5	1100	1002.1	97.9	8.9	309.4	82.08
SALUN-CVO-SILKA	757	726.5	30.5	3900	3744	156	4	493	130.79
BRN-NUBAR	652.6	647.4	5.2	3400	3372.8	27.2	0.8	86	22.8
SML-DEPKA	596.4	585.8	10.6	3100	3044.2	55.8	1.8	176.3	46.78
SISID-KUNAK	236.9	229.6	7.3	1200	1162.8	37.2	3.1	117.6	31.19
LUGAV-AST	269.9	261	8.9	1400	1353.8	46.2	3.3	146	38.73
LXR-GINDI	183.5	163.9	19.6	1000	893	107	10.7	338.1	89.71



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