

MIDANPIRG AFS/ATN TF/7  
Report on Agenda Item 4

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**REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 4: SHORTCOMINGS AND DEFICIENCIES RELATED TO AFS IN THE MID REGION**

4.1 Under this Agenda Item, the meeting was provided with the results of AFTN Circuit

4.2 The meeting agreed that though this survey gave substantial information, it did not show the complete picture of the situation in the region since the following centers did not send their data yet: Ben-

4.3 This lack of information led the meeting to ask the ICAO MID Office to continue the survey in order to provide the next AFS/ATN meeting with the complete situation of all centers and existing network.

4.4 For this purpose, the meeting agreed that all centers of the MID Region will provide the ICAO MID Office with the following statistics:

- a) Circuit availability: if this data is not sent, this means that all circuits of the relevant center are working with an availability rate over 97 per cent
- b) Transit time: should be recorded on the 23rd day of each third month (January, April, July and October)
- c) Loading factor: also called occupancy factor, must be sent according to the table attached as **Appendix 4A** to the report on Agenda Item 4, duly filled with accurate information.

4.5 All statistics of centers will be centralized in the MID Office and presented to the AFS/ATN TF/8 meeting for decision to be taken on improvement of circuits in the MID Region.

4.6 The meeting was also presented with a paper by Bahrain addressing the issue of the performance of ATS Direct Speech Circuits which is affected by the lack of PTT support and co-operation in spite of the considerable investment made by several States in the MID Region to provide efficient Direct Speech Communication between ATS units.

4.7 The meeting agreed therefore on the following Conclusion:

**CONCLUSION 7/2: PTT SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION FOR ATS DIRECT SPEECH CIRCUITS**

States are urged to ensure that their local PTTs:

- i) Are aware of the importance of ATS direct speech circuits to the safety of air traffic
- ii) Improve the co-operation and co-ordination with the PTTs of the corresponding States in order to rectify faults on the circuits without delay to prevent prolonged outages as well as the co-ordination with the

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4.8           The meeting proceeded then to review and up-date the table of Shortcomings and Deficiencies in the AFS field as approved by MIDANPRG/6. This updated table is shown in **Appendix 4B** to the Report on Agenda Item 4.

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