

MIDANPIRG COM/MET SG/4
Report on Agenda Item 7

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Reviewing the report of the MIDANPIRG/6 meeting, the meeting noted that the MID States and the ICAO Regional Office were requested to present a cost effectiveness study for the implementation of a VSAT network in the MID Region.

7.2 The sub group was provided with a preliminary study of the Middle East VSAT network (MID VSAT) that is a flexible and federative system enable to migrate easily towards new technologies.

7.3 The meeting noted that the future MID VSAT communication requirements were in conformity to the MID Air Navigation Plan and FASID document.

7.4 The meeting also noted that the future MID VSAT design permitted that associated nodes could be created without major changes in the digital network philosophy.

7.5 The sub group agreed on the proposed preliminary study that should be refined with additional technical and financial set of information in order to validate the concept of the MID VSAT as described in the preliminary study.

7.6 Based on the above information, the Sub Group reached the following Conclusion:

**CONCLUSION 4/12: PRELIMINARY STUDY OF THE MIDDLE EAST VSAT NETWORK
(MID VSAT)**

That,

- *the concept of the Middle East VSAT Network should be validated on the basis of a comprehensible study.*
- *the MID States should provide the ICAO Middle East Regional Office with all technical and financial information allowing this study to be the basic requirement for a Regional Project .*

7.7 Noting that the Work Program of the COM/MET Sub-Group covers all CNS matters in the Region, the Sub-Group suggested changing the name of COM/MET Sub-Group to CNS/MET Sub-Group.

7.8 Taking into account the importance of the issues (ATN applications and MID VSAT Project) to be processed in the Region, the Sub-group felt the need to convene the next meeting in 2002 after the ATN Workshop and the AFS/ATN TF/8 meeting.

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