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Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 22-26 May 2017

- Agenda Item 3: Implementation on Air Navigation Matters**
- 3.4 AGA and MET progress and other regional implementation groups**
- 3.4.3 MEVA and Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Technical Group (E/CAR/CATG), Eastern Caribbean Aeronautical Fixed Service Network Technical Group (E/CAR AFS NTG) Meeting reports**

**EASTERN CARIBBEAN CIVIL AVIATION TECHNICAL GROUP (E/CAR/CATG) MEETING REPORT**

(Presented by the E/CAR/CATG Rapporteur)

<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	
This working paper details the activities of the AIM, ATM and CNS Committees of the E/CAR/CATG since the ANI/WG/3 and E/CAR/CATG/3 meetings.	
<b>Action:</b>	The suggested action is presented in Section 3.
<b>Strategic Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safety</li><li>• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency</li><li>• Environmental Protection</li></ul>
<b>References:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Third Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Technical Group Meeting (E/CAR/CATG/3), Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, 19 to 21 October 2016</li></ul>

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The E/CAR/CATG met in Saint Kitts and Nevis in October 2016. The Final Report is available at: <https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/nacc-regionalgroups-ecarcatg.aspx>. The next scheduled meeting will be convened in Grenada. The E/CAR/CATG/3 Meeting conducted a follow-up and agreements to support the ANI/WG/3 Conclusions as detailed in WP/20 of the ANI/WG/3 meeting.

1.2 Subjects under discussion included:

- The Global / Regional Air Navigation Developments
- ICAO NCLB No country Left Behind Strategy, Regional performance dashboards and eANP development
- Follow up on the implementation of the NAM/CAR Regional Performance Based Air Navigation Plan and the *Port-of-Spain Declaration* Air Navigation Targets in the Eastern Caribbean
- Progress Reports of the committees

## 2. Discussion

### *Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) Committee*

2.1 The AIM Committee presented their progress on the implementation aspects for AIM and the draft conclusions are as follows:

**DRAFT CONCLUSION**  
**E/CAR/CATG/3/5**

**QMS TRAINING FOR EASTERN CARIBBEAN SINGLE INTEGRATED QMS**

**DRAFT CONCLUSION**  
**E/CAR/CATG/3/6**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF A SINGLE QMS CERTIFICATION FOR THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN**

**DRAFT CONCLUSION**  
**E/CAR/CATG/3/7**

**NOTAM CONTINGENCY PLAN BETWEEN CURACAO AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

2.1.1 Update on Single Integrated QMS. Trinidad and Tobago has been having difficulties with States in the amendment of the documents sent to them. Many reviews and communications are required to convey what is necessary to move forward, Antigua and Barbados have reached the furthest regarding this, but more review is still required. The group teleconferences have not been successful and Trinidad and Tobago have decided to do individual ones.

### *Air Traffic Management (ATM) Committee*

2.2 The ATM Committee reported their progress and these are some of the tasks:

- Updating the E/CAR ATM Committee's Points of Contact (PoCs)
- Updating the ATM Committee's work programme
- ATFM Implementation within the Piarco FIR/Upper Control Area (UTA);
- Review of ATM air navigation targets
- Review and update of outstanding ATM CAR/SAM Regional Planning and GREPECAS Air Navigation Deficiencies Database (GANDD) Deficiencies
- Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) Implementation on the NAM/CAR Regions – Designation of PoCs for monitoring NCLB and RPBANIP targets
- Review of ATS Letters of Agreement

2.2.1 Due to the above, the following draft conclusion was formulated:

**DRAFT CONCLUSION**  
**E/CAR/CATG/3/3**

**ATFM IMPLEMENTATION IN THE PIARCO FIR/UTA**

*That, in order to implement ATFM in the E/CAR Area:*

- a) *E/CAR States/Territories review the draft ATFM LoA between the Piarco Flow Management Unit and the E/CAR Terminal Control Area Units (TMAs) with the intention of developing documentation elaborated;*
- b) *E/CAR States/Territories have their Sector and/or Aerodromes Capacities completed by 17 March 2017;*
- c) *Trinidad and Tobago hold further collaboration with the other E/CAR States/Territories on the implementation methodology of the new “Piarco ATFMU Daily Reporting Form” before it is fully implemented; and*
- d) *E/CAR States/Territories assess the present contingency measures to determine if they adequately address ATFM contingencies and if it will be necessary to update the E/CAR Contingency Plan.*

**Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) Committee**

2.3 The CNS Committee, represented by Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, ECCAA, France, and Trinidad and Tobago, gathered during the E/CAR/CATG/3 meeting, reviewed its Terms of Reference (ToR) and updated the work programme, generating an update to the action Plan noting its several achievements by the CNS Committee.

**Search and Rescue (SAR) Committee**

2.4 The Ad Hoc Group of the SAR Committee met and arrived at the following conclusions:

**DRAFT CONCLUSION**  
**ECAR/CATG/3/4**

**SUPPORT TO SAR ACTIVITIES IN THE E/CAR AREA**

*That, in order to support the activities on SAR implementation, E/CAR States:*

- a) *collaborate to establish Letters of Agreements (LoA) with neighboring States or adjoining airspaces;*
- b) *improve their local civil/military coordination;*
- c) *participate at regional forums to develop regional efforts in support to SAR;*
- d) *make every effort to participate at the upcoming NAM/CAR/SAM SAR Implementation and Civil/Military Coordination Meeting; and*

- e) *inform the E/CAR/CATG by the NACC/WG/5 Meeting.*

***Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA) Committee***

2.5 The AGA Committee highlighted that in accordance with the *Port-of-Spain Declaration*, signed on 29 April 2014, in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, all the NAM/CAR States shall comply with the declared regional safety targets and detailed the AGA topics being worked by the Committee, other matters discussed included:

- CAR - Aerodrome Certification Implementation Plan (CRACIP)
- Aerodrome Certification and Aerodrome Safety Training
- Runway Safety Team (RST)

**3. Suggested Action**

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) take note of the information contained in this paper; and
- b) recommend any other action as deemed necessary.