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Agenda Item 5: Administration Activities

**ADMINISTRATIVE COST OF CARRYING OUT THE CARIBBEAN AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES NETWORK
(CANSNET) PROJECT THROUGH THE ICAO TECHNICAL COOPERATION BUREAU (TCB)**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This Working Paper provides information on the requirements requested by the ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau to be the CANSNET Project Manager.	
Action:	Suggested actions are presented in Section 3.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results of the Request of information (RFI) process of the CANSNET Project

1. Introduction

1.1 During the thirty-fourth MEVA meeting, held in June 2019, the MEVA/TMG members approved the realization of the new phase of MEVA with the aim that it be called CANSNET and cover for the next ten years the communications needs of its Member States and their connections with the other adjacent Aeronautical Flight Information Regions (FIRs).

1.2 During the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the MEVA Technical Management Group (MEVA/TMG/35) held online in April 2020, the document “Request for Information (RFI)” was reviewed, updated and approved, which aims to carry out an exploration of the technologies and services available to the industry to meet the communications needs of the new CANSNET.

1.3 At the MEVA/TMG/35 online meeting, the ICAO Headquarters Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) presented the administrative options to manage this new project, options that are currently being evaluated by the MEVA Member States. This ICAO NACC Regional Office is supporting its management through TCB.

1.4 According to the Conclusion MEVA / TMG / 35/05, the ICAO TCB offer to publish the document “Request for Information (RFI)” free of cost for the MEVA Member States was accepted.

1.5 TCB is the office through which the contracts of Cuba, Panama and the South American Digital Network (REDDIG) are currently handled and this process would continue for future coordination.

1.6 All support from TCB for the future activities of the CANSNET Project must be supported by an agreement between each of the Member States of the CANSNET network and TCB, in the sense of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in which the States and TCB would sign their consent for the TCB to manage the project, serve as legal representative for all Member States that require it, and sign contracts on their behalf, as in the case of Cuba.

1.7 The MoU also stipulates the agreement between the CANSNET Member States and TCB of a payment of 7% (seven percent) of the total payment of the CANSNET contract to TCB for the administrative management of the Project.

2 Discussion

2.1 In response to the administrative requirements of the project, TCB would be responsible for bidding and evaluating the project according to the requirements stipulated by MEVA. It would also be responsible for the management of the contract and guarantee, both for the States for which it would be its representative and to support the States in signing their individual contract with the selected provider.

2.2 TCB has experience in this type of implementation in similar projects in other regions of the world. So TCB experience would be very beneficial for this project.

2.3 Another beneficial factor is that TCB is governed by the regulations of the United Nations projects, which benefits the States in terms of experience, lessons learned and better prices, reducing the costs of investment in infrastructure on the part of the Member States.

3 Suggested actions

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) take into account the information presented in this Working Paper;
- b) take into account the benefits of carrying out the project through TCB; and
- c) support the development of the CANSNET Project through the TCB umbrella