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**Thirty Sixth MEVA Technical Management Group Meeting
(MEVA/TMG/36)**

On-line, from 1 to 3 June 2021

Agenda Item 5: Administration Activities

NEW EXTENSION OF THE MEVA CONTRACT WITH THE SUPPLIER FREQUENTIS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This Working Paper provides information on the requirements requested by FREQUENTIS, provider for the contract extension of the current MEVA service.	
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">• Ninth North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation Meeting (NACC/DCA/9)

1. Introduction

1.1 During the Ninth North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation Meeting (NACC/DCA/9), June 2019, the Directors approved the extension of the current MEVA contract with the company FREQUENTIS for two more years.

1.2 This contract extension was effective from March 2020 to March 2022.

1.3 The objective of the new CANSNET is that it will begin its operation in March 2022 when the contract with FREQUENTIS ends.

1.4 Due to the delay in the development of the planned activities of the CANSNET project and the negative impact on the States due to COVID-19, the commissioning of the CANSNET by 2022 will be an impossible goal to complete.

1.5 In this sense, it is necessary for MEVA Member States to extend the contract with the current MEVA supplier; FREQUENTIS, for at least two more years.

2 Discussion

2.1 FREQUENTIS has communicated its intention to extend the contract for two more years, according to the steps taken for the last extension:

- Frequentis requests a Letter of Intent (LOI) from ICAO to confirm the 2-year extension period until June 30, 2021. Frequentis will then send ICAO and MEVA III Member States new offers for the 2-year extension years. We request that orders be issued and sent by ICAO, and ICAO and MEVA III Member States to Frequentis, no later than September 30, 2021.
- The contract extension would begin on April 1, 2022 and end on March 31, 2024.
- The signing of the contract extension by each MEVA Member and the management by the ICAO Technical Cooperation Office (TCB) of the contracts of Cuba, Panama and the South American Digital Network (REDDIG).

2.2 The FREQUENTIS letter received on May 05 is attached as an Appendix to this WP.

3. Suggested actions

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) approve the extension of the Contract with the FREQUENTIS company for two more years;
- b) internally manage the corresponding administrative actions in their States; and
- c) any other required activity.

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Vienna, 05 May 2021

Subject: MEVA III Network Service Contract Renewal (Period 2022 – 2024)

Dear Mrs. Ávila,

Frequentis as the current supplier of the MEVA III network services is confirming the interest of a 2 year prolongation of the current service and support contract. The prolongation will only be valid as long as the current conditions remain unchanged. That includes that all current members will extend the contract for 2 years (starting 1st of April 2022 until 31st of March 2024).

Frequentis requests a letter of intent (LOI) from ICAO to confirm the extension period of 2 years until the 30th of June 2021. Frequentis will then send to ICAO and MEVA III member states new offers for the 2 year extension. We request the orders to be issued and sent by ICAO and MEVA III member states to Frequentis not later than the 30th of September 2021.

FREQUENTIS is pleased to support your organization and MEVA III members on this important project. Should you have any questions please contact Mr. Matthias Gerlich (Matthias.GERLICH@frequentis.com, Mobile: +43 (664) 60850 3846) at any time.

Best regards


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