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- Agenda Item 3: CANSNET Project**
3.2 Analysis of the Administrative, Technical, and Operational Requirements of Each State that Must Be Integrated Into the Project Document

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO CONTINUE WITH THE CANSNET PROJECT
(Presented by MEVA/TMG Rapporteur)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This Working Paper provides information about the MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT between the ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) and the MEVA member States, emphasizing the need for it to be signed by all States to continue the future actions of the CANSNET project.	
Action:	Suggested actions are presented in Section 3.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency• Security & Facilitation• Economic Development of Air Transport• Environmental Protection
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MEVA/TMG Ad-hoc Group Meetings• MEVA/TMG/34 — IP/03• MEVA/TMG/35 — P/07• MEVA/TMG/36 — WP/09• CANSNET/01 — WP/04• Letter E.OSG-NACC93575 dated 30 June 2022• Letter E.OSG-NACC93748 dated 19 July 2022

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, later defined as the Caribbean Air Navigation Services Network (CANSNET). This new generation of MEVA would 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 Technical Management Group (TMG), held online on 27 and 28 April 2020, the ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) Procurement process, and its role in relation to the development of procurement projects for the Member States, was explained. Within the framework of this meeting, the MEVA members reviewed, updated and approved the Reques for information (RFI) document for CANSNET, and decided to accept the TCB's proposal to publish it free of charge for the States.

1.3. Any TCB support for future CANSNET Project activities must be backed by an agreement between each of the CANSNET Network Member States and TCB. The *MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT* (MSA) is the document in which the Member States and TCB would sign the consent for TCB to manage the project, act as legal representative of all the Member States that require it and firm contracts on their behalf, this being the case in our region for Cuba and Panama.

2. Discussion

2.1 The MSA is a base document that usually does not mention any project, nor any specific commitments. The signature of the MSA is the first step to establish a framework agreement that will facilitate future agreements in an expeditious manner, in order to meet the needs of the CANSNET Network Member States. Likewise, it constitutes a necessary condition before the drafting of a Project Document (PRODOC) that will contain all the details related to the assistance that ICAO will provide.

2.2 Considering the particularities of CANSNET, it should be noted that the proposal for the PRODOC must be prepared by the CANSNET Ad-hoc Group, using the templates provided by ICAO/TCB. This document, once defined, must be equally signed by all MEVA member States, which would allow the rest of the acquisition process to continue.

2.3 As a result of the coordination carried out between TCB and the ICAO Legal Bureau for the signing of the MSA between the members of CANSNET and ICAO, it was considered that in order to facilitate the management of the MSA for CANSNET, the members of MEVA/TMG are required to sign the document collectively. This vision of a joint agreement modifies the establishment of agreements individually between each of the States and TCB, which was addressed in CANSNET/01, WP/04.

2.4 Following the MEVA agreement to hold a tender for the new network with the TCB, at the Tenth North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation Meeting (NACC/DCA/10), held in Fort-de-France, Martinique, France, from 21 to 23 June 2022, a collective document of a draft Management Services Agreement was shared with the MEVA members present at the meeting, which was then sent to the States in the letter Ref. E.OSG-NACC93575. Among the States present at this meeting, who also accepted the collective signature of the document in question, were Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico and COCESNA.

2.5 States were invited to sign the collective MSA prior to this meeting in letters Ref. E.OSG - NACC93575 and Ref. E.OSG-NACC93748, the latter provides clarifications to the doubts raised among MEVA members regarding the said document.

2.6 The following table shows the status of the collective MSA signature.

State / Organization	Collective MSA signed
Aruba	awaiting signature
Bahamas	awaiting signature
Cayman Island	awaiting signature
Cuba	awaiting signature
Curacao	awaiting signature
Dominican Republic	awaiting signature
Haiti	awaiting signature
Jamaica	awaiting signature
Mexico	awaiting signature
Panama	awaiting signature
Sint Maarten	awaiting signature
United States	awaiting signature
COCESNA	awaiting signature

2.7 To follow up and support the TMG Member States in the process of signing the collective MSA, the PoCs were contacted individually by email.

3. Suggested actions

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review the information presented in this working paper; and
- b) proceed to sign the CANSNET's collective MSA