



**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION  
EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN OFFICE**

**THIRD MEETING OF THE APIRG COMMUNICATIONS,  
NAVIGATION AND SURVEILLANCE SUB-GROUP (CNS/SG/3)**

(Nairobi, 26 - 30 April 2010)

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**Agenda Item 4: AFS - Implementation of VSAT in AFI**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper discusses Recommendation 6/19 of Special AFI RAN meeting.

Action to be taken Paragraph 3.

Reference: Report of SP AFIRAN

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The meeting's attention is drawn to Recommendation 6/19 of the AFI/ RAN Special Meeting which states:

*“Recommendation 6/19 – Planning, implementation and operation of very small aperture terminal (VSAT) networks in the AFI Region*

*That all entities involved with planning, implementation and operation of VSAT networks in the AFI Region hold regular joint meetings under the auspices of ICAO regional offices for the purpose of harmonization and eventual realization of a seamless AFI communication network supporting all present and future CNS systems.”*

**2. Discussion**

2.1 At SADC VSAT Supervisory Board meeting, ATNS (South Africa) the service provider of the VSAT network were asked by the meeting to represent the SADC VSAT network in any such meetings above. However at NAFISAT Supervisory Board meeting,

the meeting opted to attend the meeting with ATNS. AFISNET and CAFSAT will have to inform the regional office the composition of their representation.

2.2 Due to poor participation of States in ICAO meetings, the above meetings should only be convened when there is pending issues to be discussed.

3. **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

- The meeting to take note of the above information.
- AFISNET and CAFSAT network to inform the Regional office the composition of their representation.
- For the meeting to be convened only when there are pending issues.

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