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**Twenty-Third Meeting on the Improvement of Air Traffic Services over the South Atlantic
(SAT/23)**

Durban, South Africa, 6-8 June 2018

Agenda Item 2: Air traffic management (ATM)

6. ATM contingency plan for the SAT Area

(Presented by the ASECNA)

SUMMARY
This paper provides updates on the progress made in the establishment of an ATM contingency plan for the SAT area.
REFERENCE(S): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terms of Reference of SAT /ATM GROUP• SAT 20 Decision 20/09 and conclusion 20/10• SAT 21 - Decision 21/07• SAT 22. Final Report Para 2.4• SAT 22: Plan of Action, SAT 22, ATM WG
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A & B

1. INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1 The need for establishing an ATM Contingency Plan is a requirement in Annex 11 to the Chicago Convention;
- 1.2 SAT group tasked South Africa to develop a draft contingency plan for the SAT area;
- 1.3 Conclusion 19/02 requested from States to review the Contingency Plan, presented in SAT17 by South Africa, and send comments to Martinc@atns.co.za by 30th November 2014.
- 1.4 SAT 21 adopted the draft contingency plan by Decision 21/07 and tasked Focal Points of SAT States/ANSPs to review and submit their final comments to the Team Leaders namely, South Africa and ASECNA by 30th September 2016; and Secretariat to submit final draft ATM

Contingency Plan for the SAT region to the ICAO Council by 31st December 2016 for consideration and approval.

- 1.5 The SAT 22 meeting expressed dissatisfaction about the delay in finalizing the draft ATS Contingency planning for the SAT area, noting that the plan has been under discussions for almost five years;
- 1.6 The SAT 22 meeting noted that the plan lacked the inclusion of ATM contingency planning of some FIRs. It was also noted that focal points for certain FIRs have failed to provide the requisite information and have neither provided comments on the draft as requested by previous SAT meetings;
- 1.7 forevermore, SAT 22 meeting noted that in reviewing the draft ATM Contingency Plan which was adopted by the previous meeting, it did not contain provisions for Volcanic Ash and Public Health Emergencies as required by PANS ATM Doc 4444;
- 1.8 The meeting adopted a project methodology in order to facilitate the finalization of the ATM Contingency Plan for the SAT area with the following action plan.

SAT ATM P4	ATM Contingency plan		
Team	Champion: ASECNA (NGOMA-MBY Alain Gerard) Go-Team: ATNS, ASECNA, ASA, DECEA, ENAIRE, DSNA, GCAA, IATA.		
Relevant actions		Action owner	Completion date
Go –Team to update the Sat Contingency Plan to include Volcanic Ash, Public Health Emergency Contingencies and Directory List into the Sat Contingency Plan		Go team	
All Sat States to be included in the SAT Contingency plan		Go team	
Go-Team to distribute the Sat Contingency Plan to all SAT States		Go team	31 st August 2017
All SAT States are to submit any changes or comments to be included in the SAT contingency plan		SAT States	30th November 2017
Go-Team to send Completed document to ICAO		Go team	15 th Dec 2017

2. DISCUSSION:

- 2.1 ASECNA has updated the draft ATM contingency plan by including provisions for Volcanic Ash and Public Health Emergencies as required by PANS ATM Doc 4444, but also search and rescue as requested by Cayenne ACC;
- 2.2 The updated draft ATM contingency plan was circulated among the SAT members on the 13th July 2017;
- 2.3 Abidjan and Dakar ACC made some input at this stage;
- 2.4 The para 12 on “CONTINGENCY IN TWO OR MORE SAT AIRSPACES” was not developed;
- 2.5 The final version of the draft is attached in appendix for the meeting’s consideration;

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING:

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
 - a. take note of the information provided; and
 - b. review the above information and the Draft ATM Contingency Plan and provide the way forward.