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Agenda Item 4: System performance monitoring and maintenance

4.3 REDUCTION IN THE USAGE OF FREE TEXT MESSAGES

(Presented by Ghana.)

SUMMARY
This paper seeks to update the meeting on progress made on the compilation of frequently used Free Text Messages in the SAT Area
REFERENCE(S): SAT/FIT/13 REPORT GOLD MANUAL DOC 10037
Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): Safety, Capacity and Efficiency

1. INTRODUCTION:

1.1 Following up from the work programme of SAT/12 the Go-Team was reconstituted by SAT/FIT/13 with Ghana as the Lead with the under listed activities to be performed:

- a) All ANSPs Focal Points and users to send to the Team Lead their frequently used Free Text Messages:
- b) Go-Team to review and Consolidate such compilation in the SAT and EUR/SAM corridor;
- c) Go Team to send to IATA the consolidated list of Free Text Messages for comments and feedback

- d) Go Team to update and submit t ICAO the final list for consideration into the GOLD MANUAL and propose amendment to DOC 7030 Regional Supplementary Procedures.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The Lead sent emails to the focal points of the various ANSPS soliciting information on their frequently used Free Text Messages but sadly, only South Africa responded.
- 2.2 It must be noted however that the other states that responded sent messages that were already in the UPLINK BOX of the ATM equipment.
- 2.3 Go Team could not review nor consolidate the compilation since the response from the States were not adequate.
- 2.4 Go Team could not send the consolidated messages to IATA since the response was not forth coming.
- 2.5 No list was sent to ICAO due to the previously listed reasons

2.6 Frequently Used Messages

- 2.6.1 The table below shows the few FREE TEXT messages that were sent to the Lead and were compiled and sent to Go Team for review.

WHEN CREW REQUESTS CLIMB	1) UNABLE HIGHER DUE TRAFIC 2)UNABLE TO CLEAR DUE TRAFFIC
REQUEST DEVIATION DUE WEATHER	1)WEATHER DEVIATION TO THE RIGHT APPROVED 2)WEATHER DEVIATION TO THE LEFT APPROVED 3) REPORT BACK ON TRACK 4) ADVICE BACK ON TRACK
TRANSFER OF CONTROL	1)GHA123 AT PSN XXXXX CONTACT XXXX ON FREQ 0000.00 KHZ 2) CONTACT XXXX ON HF 0000.00 KHZ 3) LOG ON CPDLC XXXX 4) AT POSN XXXX LOG ON XXXX AND CONTACT XXXX ON HF 0000.00 KHZ
TO REQUEST ESTIMATE FOR THE NEXT WAYPOINT	REPORT ESTIMATE FOR: WAYPOINT XXXXX

3. ACTION BY MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Review the status of the programme for the reduction of Usage of Free Text in the SAT area;
- b) Review the membership and commitment of the Go-Team and State/ANSP focal points and update contact details for effective coordination; and
- c) Decide on the relevance task and additional follow up action required.