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Summary of NATS / MOD Engagement Meeting, held on 25 May 21 via Skype

1. In summary, NATS and MOD customers were satisfied that D597 met both the requirements established in earlier stages of the trial (and in ACP 2020-042), and result in a **net improvement** in traffic flows when compared with alternate activations of D323, D513 and D613.

2. The following were provided as minor improvements for subsequent activations (Sep 21 for Ex COBRA WARRIOR 21-2):

a. **Traffic outside the TDA (AAR + receivers / ISR ac etc).** NATS and other MOD users had no problem with it being there, but early communication / coordination between ASACS and NATS PC is encouraged, especially if plan changes (tanker in Block 3 due wx, for example).

After meeting note: Traffic outside the TDA will be limited in the Sep 21 activation to just AAR, either to the north of D597 below Class C air routes, or in AARA7.

b. **Night activations for Ex CW 21-2 Week 3:** 78 Sqn to ensure that sufficient controllers are available.

c. **Data-gathering:** NATS have agreed to do more data gathering during future TDA597 activations, anticipating that civil traffic levels may have picked up by then.

d. **Daily hot-wash:** NATS suggested a daily call between 92 Sqn and NATS PC Ops Supervisor post-vul to pick up any points.

e. **D-1 Call to confirm Derogated Service Provision:** 78 Sqn need to do this as per para 4.3 of TDA597 NATS / MoD Temp Agreement dated 1 Dec 20.

f. **Internal Deconfliction from CHAMELEON / JOINT WARRIOR:** CHAMELEON is now in Cyprus, so no issues there. Concern is that JW is running at same time as CW. JTEPS will not be able to use FJAs when TDA597 active. This needs to be confirmed with JTEPS airspace reps.

After meeting note: Engagement with JTEPS has occurred and agreement reached that D597 activation will take primacy. JTEPS are not planning conflicting activations of FJA North.

g. **Introduction of Free-Route Airspace:** The published AIP SUP covers both future activation periods and accounts for Free-Route Airspace.