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## **Record of an Engagement Meeting held between MoD and NATS via Microsoft Teams on 19 Oct 21**

1. The calling notice for this meeting was disseminated on 3 Sep 21. Feedback was requested from all parties. Nil feedback received.
2. No stakeholders had any safety observations or occurrences.
3. Activations for March 22 are planned to be: 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> March 22. Provisional timings are 1000-1400 for Mondays-Thursdays. For Fridays, provisional timings are 1130-1500.
  - a. Indian Air Force Su-30MKIs will be at RAF Waddington.
  - b. RSAF Typhoons will be at RAF Coningsby.
  - c. Belgian F-16s and Swedish Air Force Gripens will be at RAF Leeming.
  - d. USAF F-16s will be based at RAF Lakenheath or RAF Mildenhall.
4. Cost implications for enhanced data collect are being worked by Air A7 and NATS.
5. ISR and AAR outside of D597. No issues reported.
  - a. **Action:** 78 Sqn to look at number of Copenhagen FIR aircraft services provided.
6. A letter of agreement (LOA) has been drafted by NATS to replace the existing trial instruction as airspace moves towards a permanent solution. The document details how airspace is activated, prioritises effort for the UK airspace management cell, restates the requirements to support Newcastle International transits, etc. It contains nothing new over the existing trial instruction, but is in LOA format with signatories dictated. A draft version will be delivered to MOD in due course for review.
7. The AIP SUP has been updated with free-route airspace charts, due for publication in the December AIRAC.
8. Later activations on Friday (ending ~1500) may impact transatlantic traffic flow. This flow will be to the south of D597 at FL300+. This may impact RTB of aircraft from D597. MoD service providers to note a potential increase in traffic to be accounted for.
9. **Action:** 92 Sqn will coordinate a post-execute wash-up for each activation. 92 Sqn, 19 Sqn and 78 Sqn will record any observations and distribute to MoD stakeholders.
10. **Action:** 92 Sqn will include in their in-brief with all crews that all aircraft hold 5 mins fuel prior to exiting airspace and anticipate delays in departing D597 depending on traffic levels and capacity of 78 Sqn and 19 Sqn.