INTRODUCTION

This document has been written to establish the agreements between IVAO United Kingdom & Ireland MCD and IVAO North America regarding the Gander and Shanwick Oceanic Control Areas.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

TRAINING

Controllers will need to obtain oceanic validations in order to control on any XU or XA oceanic position. There will be two North Atlantic validations available across the divisions, these will be; Shanwick/Gander and New York. Controllers currently in possession of one of these validations will need to complete differences training if they would like to control an oceanic position other than the one they are validated for.

A mutually agreed training specification (Annex A) has been created and will be followed by the Training Departments of each division. When a trainee is trained in accordance with this training agreement they are added to a list of oceanic validated controllers. In addition to keeping a log of all those holding a validation, it also serves as a waiver for the GCA programme – therefore XA controllers are not required to hold an XU GCA to control Shanwick and XU controllers do not need a GCA to control on Gander.

OCEANIC INTERFACES

The oceanic interfaces (OCMS and ORCA) will continue to be used in both FIRs. New York oceanic will be added to the system allowing an easier hand-off between Shanwick, Gander and Santa Maria.

OCC WEBSITE

Due to the nature of this joint venture, the OCC website hosted at occ.ivao.aero will be retained and will be managed mutually by both divisions.

DURATION

This a 12-month rolling agreement where the terms are not subject to change unless otherwise agreed by the ATC Operations Departments of both divisions.

TERMINATION
Should either division wish to terminate this agreement, it must be made via email to the ATC Operations Department of the other division. Notice of termination must be made with at least 6 months’ notice in order for negotiations between divisions to take place – this is to ensure the best interest and futureproofing of the success of the FIRs.

SIGNATORIES

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