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COORDINATOR – PROCEDURES FOR  
MILITARY EXERCISES, 26 MAY - 07 AUG 2026****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 From 26 May to 07 August 2026, Darwin Aerodrome (YPDN) will see a significant increase in traffic due to military exercises.
- 1.2 To effectively manage the significantly increased traffic demand, a new ATC position has been created called Darwin Coordinator (COORD).
- 1.3 The procedures below describe the role of COORD, when the position will be active, and amended procedures for pilots.

**2. PROCEDURES**

- 2.1 COORD is an extension of Darwin Ground (SMC) and will assume some SMC duties.
- 2.2 COORD will be active during peak departure windows. Notification of activation will be via ATIS.
- 2.3 When COORD is active, the voice-transmitted ATIS will broadcast the following message:  
  
“START CLEARANCE REQUIRED, CONTACT DARWIN ON 120.5 FOR START OR PUSHBACK”  
  
Note: Digital ATIS will identify the position as “DARWIN COORD”.
- 2.4 After receiving an airways clearance, aircraft shall contact COORD on 120.5 for start or pushback, instead of Darwin Ground.

- 2.5 On initial contact, aircraft shall provide flight details and advise estimated time to taxi.
- 2.6 Once start or pushback is approved, aircraft shall report ready for taxi.
- 2.7 COORD will issue further instructions as required, including transfer of communications. For example: "MONITOR DARWIN GROUND 121.8."

### **3. CANCELLATION**

- 3.1 This SUP self-cancels at 202608070930 UTC.

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