



International Civil Aviation Organization

**First Meeting of the Middle East Regional Aviation Safety Group
(RASG-MID/1)**

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Agenda Item 3: Establishment of RASGs

RASGs IN THE DIFFERENT ICAO REGIONS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides a status on the establishment of Regional Aviation Safety Groups in the different ICAO Regions.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 25 May 2010, the 190th Session of the ICAO Council approved the establishment of the following RASGs: RASG-PA for the Caribbean, South American, and North American regions (including Central America); RASG-EUR for the European region; RASG-APAC for the Asia Pacific regions; RASG-AFI for the African region and RASG-MID for the Middle East region, with the aim of supporting a regional performance framework for the management of safety.

1.2 This working paper provides a status of the establishment of Regional Aviation Safety Groups in the different ICAO Regions.

2. REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUPS

2.1 *RASG-PA*; The Regional Aviation Group – Pan America was established for the South American, Central America, North American and the Caribbean regions in 2008. It was formalized into an ICAO body in 2010. RASG-PA normally holds one annual meeting and coordinates its activities through an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) which holds four annual meetings and monthly teleconferences.

2.1.1 Currently RASG-PA is working on Model legislation for the protection of safety information (GS-3), flight data analysis reporting (GSI-12), a regional accident/incident investigation agency for Central America (GSI-4), flight safety training, safety enhancement initiatives for data driven risk areas (Runway Excursions – RE, Controlled Flight into Terrain – CFIT and Loss of Control Inflight – LOC-I) and the annual safety report. It accomplishes this work with three Regional Aviation Safety

Teams (Annual Safety Report Team – ASRT, Flight Safety Training Team – FSTT and the Regional Aviation Safety Team – RAST).

2.1.2 RASG-PA disseminates information to the aviation community through the RASG-PA meeting report, the annual safety report, an annual safety summit, a dedicated webpage, a quarterly news letter and safety recommendations. The next meeting of the RASG-PA (RASG-PA/4) will take place in Miami Florida 17-21 October.

2.2 *RASG-EUR*; The high level meeting of European Directors General of Civil Aviation held 15-17 February 2011 agreed to the establishment of the European Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-EUR) for the entire European Region. Subsequently a meeting for the establishment of the RASG-EUR was convened in Paris on 16 May 2011. The first meeting of the RASG-EUR is scheduled for the second half of January 2012 at a location TBD.

2.3 *RASG-ASIA/PAC*; The Forty Seventh meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation APAC (DGAC-47) meeting held 25-29 October 2010 in Maco China agreed to the establishment of the RASG-ASIA/PAC. The first meeting of the RASG-ASIA/PAC is scheduled 10-11 October 2011 in Noumea, New Caledonia.

2.4 *RASG-AFI*; The fourth meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation of ESAF and WACAF States (DGCA/4) held in Matsapha, Swaziland on 8-9 November 2010 approved the concept of the RASG and is undergoing the organizational structure to reflect membership and the relationship with the COSCAPs and RSOOs. The first meeting of RASG-AFI is scheduled to take place from 19 to 24 March 2012 at a location TBD.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting invited to:

- a) note the establishment of Regional Aviation Safety Groups in the different ICAO Regions; and
- b) consider the experience of other RASGs when developing the RASG-MID work programme.