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MIDANPIRG ATM/AIM/SAR Sub-Group

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(Cairo, Egypt, 30 September – 3 October 2013)

Agenda Item 4:   **ATM/SAR Issues**

CIVIL MILITARY GO TEAMS

(*Presented by IATA and CANSO*)

SUMMARY

As airspace becomes more of a scarce and sought after resource, States need to take a balanced approach to airspace management in a way that harmonizes and meets the need of international traffic flows and national security. This requires communication, collaboration and cooperation between civilian airspace users, military airspace users, States, and ANSPS.

Recognizing the growing civil air traffic in the Middle East, the need to accelerate implementation of Flexible Use of Airspace is becoming a necessity. This working paper outlines a framework for Civil-Military Go Teams.

1.   INTRODUCTION

1.1   The MEAUSE Initiative is a forum for consultation and engagement to align visions and improve ATM efficiencies in the MID Region.

1.2   The last MEAUSE Conferences have identified civil-military coordination as a priority for ATM improvement in the MID Region.

1.3   The MEAUSE Work Group Meeting on 23-24 June agreed to develop a framework for a new approach to engage military units in the Region.

2.   DISCUSSION

Go Team Visit Process:

2.1   Key actions and considerations for the selection of a State:

   a) Selection of State shall be based on operational need and user requirements;
   b) Go Team visit should be arranged only after it has been agreed that representatives from the military with appropriate level of authority will participate; and
   c) Details of Go Team visit to be communicated with the State.

2.2   The following data will be collated and assessed before any visit is agreed:

    a) identify and ear-mark potential airspace blocks that could be released in principle;
    b) ANSP to carry an 'inventory'' of their designated airspace that may be authorized to civilian traffic on a tactical basis;
    c) identify Military requirements for the use of airspace in terms of geographic boundaries, vertical bounds and time; and
    d) identification of Airline user requirements, including loss and gain from current and future airspace design respectively.

2.3   Go Team visit Coordination:

    a) high level summary of Go Team Visit will be communicated to State by ICAO;
    b) priority work areas and work proposals to be identified and agreed to by the Go Team members;
    c) Go Team members will develop a Statement of Work;
    d) hosting State will provide detailed data as required;
    e) hosting State to appoint a Point of Contact in the regulator, ANSP, and military areas; and
    f) IATA, CANSO and ICAO to co-ordinate each Go-Team visit.

2.4   Tasks for each Go Team visit will be agreed upon according to the identified priority work areas. However, as a general out-line:

    a) IATA, CANSO and ICAO will jointly organize and drive an on-site pre-meeting with POC within the State's operating airlines, regulator, ANSP, and military;
    b) hosting State to ensure broad local stakeholder participation at the appropriate managerial level for decision making, in specific in the military side;
    c) hosting State to provide facilities to support the visit; and
    d) hosting State to invite as deemed appropriate, representatives from adjacent States.

2.5   The main outcomes of any Go Team visit will at least include:

    a) design of a Special Use Airspace Plan (blueprint);
    b) outline for a Civil-Military Coordination Cell composed of ranking coordination personnel representing the local ANSP and military; and
    c) action plan with milestones for on-going monitoring and progress reporting

2.6   Post Go Team Visit Activities:

    a) perform baseline measurement - comparison between pre and post-implementation.; and
    b) perform an annual performance measurement assessment of the operational benefits achieved.

2.7   The support group composed of representatives from the following Organizations will develop the scope and statement of work for each Go Team Visit and will participate in the Go Team Visits:
    a) ICAO MID Office
    b) IATA MENA
    c) CANSO ME

    d) MEAUSE Representatives:

        i)   Emirates
        ii) Saudi Airlines
        iii) NANSC
        iv) Royal Jordanian Air Force

2.8   The Go Team will include additional members invited per visit as follows:

    a) from the Hosting State:

        i)   Regulator;
        ii) ANSP;
        iii) Local Military;
        iv) Local airlines; and
        v) Airlines operating into State

    b) Ad-hoc guests invited on case-by-case basis:

        i)   Military representative from another region to share FUA concept implementation experience;
        ii) Other States/ANSPs in the region that have implemented FUA concept; and
        iii) Regional or global organizations (FAA, AACO, etc.)

3.   Action by the meeting

3.1   This meeting is invited to:

    a) review and support the proposal for Civil-Military Go Teams; and

    b) agree on Candidates States for the Go Team Visits.

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