International Civil Aviation Organization

MIDANPIRG STEERING GROUP

Third Meeting (MSG/3)
(Cairo, Egypt, 17 – 19 June 2013)

Agenda Item 3:   **Global, Inter and Intra Regional Activities**

ICAO MID FORUM

(Presented by Bahrain)

SUMMARY
This working paper represents the development progress of the ICAO MID Forum.   Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES
- MIDANPIRG/12 Report   - MSG/2 Report

1.   INTRODUCTION

1.1   The new ICAO MID Forum was successfully launched by Bahrain which supported all financial aspects for launching, hosting and running this forum since 2004, the forum features and interface were designed to give easy access to the contents of the forum and serve users more efficiently.

2.   DISCUSSION

2.1   The meeting may wish to note that Bahrain addressed MIDANPIRG/12 the establishment of the new ICAO MID Forum under a new URL Address which was approved by the ICAO MID Office (www.icaomidforum.net), Bahrain also requested all MID States to start registering in the forum and to pass comments and observations concerning the forum's features or its design for enhancing and complying with users requirements as much as possible.

2.2   Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the Forum Admin, the allocated URL Address was lost and could not be retrieved by the company responsible for hosting the forum, this resulted a temporary stoppage of the forum for less than two days and Bahrain IT was able to bring the forum back to service under a new URL address within a very short time and with no loss of the forum contents.

2.3   The new URL Address for the forum was chosen to be very similar to the original (stolen) one but with different Top-Level Domain (the last three letters) which reflects the nature of the forum and its intended use.

2.4   The new URL Address: (www.icaomidforum.org) is secured by the hosting company which took stronger measures to protect the forum and its contents from any future hacking attempts.

2.5   The forum now is fully activated and ready to be used by the MID States members and Bahrain IT officially announce through this working paper the transfer of managing the forum to ICAO MID Office IT Section and will always be available to assist in rectifying any technical problem.

3.   ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1   The meeting is invited to encourage States to register to the ICAO MID Forum at (www.icaomidforum.org) and use its features to:

        a)   discuss and exchange ideas;

        b)   post their AIP amendments;

        c)   download meetings materials (working , information papers etc.); and

        d)   announce Aviation Activities, news and queries.

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