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**Third Meeting of the Middle East Regional Aviation Safety Group
(RASG-MID/3)**

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Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

STUDY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RSOO(S)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides updates on the progress of conducting a study on the establishment of RSOO(s) for the ACAC and ICAO MID States, in accordance with the Strategy for the establishment of RSOO(s).

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- DGCA-MID/2 Report
- RSC/2 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ACAC/ICAO Seminar/Workshop on Regional Safety Oversight Programmes, which was held in Rabat, Morocco, from 10 to 12 December 2012, agreed that the ICAO would support the ACAC General Assembly Decision to conduct a study on the establishment of RSOO (s) for the benefit of the ACAC and ICAO MID States and developed a draft strategy on the subject.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Through the DGCA-MID/2 Conclusion 2/10, the DGCA-MID/2 Meeting (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 20- 22 May 2013) endorsed the Strategy for the establishment of RSOO(s) and agreed that ICAO support ACAC in conducting a study on the establishment of RSOO(s) for the ACAC and ICAO MID States, and the States and stakeholders contribute to the cost of the study.

2.2 The meeting agreed that a step-by-step approach will be followed. During the first phase a simplified questionnaire should be sent to the ACAC and ICAO MID States in order to get their commitment to participate in the study. It was highlighted that the replies to this questionnaire will be the basis for the planning of visits to States by an appropriate Consultant during phase 2 of the Study.

2.3 The RSC/2 meeting (Amman, Jordan, 28 -30 October 2013) noted that the study should result in a proposal for the establishment of the RSOO(s) including well-defined legal, organizational, and financial frameworks and a work plan with clear deliverables and timelines. The Final Report of the study would be presented to the DGCA-MID/3 meeting in 2015 and the ACAC General Assembly/Council for review and agreement on the way forward.

2.4 Based on the above, the ICAO MID Regional Office developed a simplified questionnaire, in coordination with ACAC as at **Appendix A** to this working paper, which was supported by the RSC/2 meeting. The Office also developed a proposal document reflecting the agreed arrangements and expected outcomes of the study (Phase 1 and 2).

2.5 It's to be highlighted that the cost of the study is estimated to be around (US\$ 100,000). The States that confirm commitment to participate in the study might be requested to financially contribute to the study (US\$ 5,000 - 15,000 per State).

2.6 In this respect, the meeting may wish to note that during the RSC/2 meeting, Boeing reconfirmed its financial contribution to the study and the exact amount to be paid will be communicated to ICAO in due course. In addition, Airbus informed the ICAO-MID Regional Office of their agreement in principle to financially support the study, if need be.

2.7 Notwithstanding the above, the meeting may wish to note that the initiation of the study (phase 1) was postponed, pending final decision of the ACAC General Assembly (May 2014) related to the funding of the study (more specifically, ACAC financial contribution to the study).

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the progress related to the study on the establishment of RSOO(s) , and take action as appropriate; and
- b) urge States and stakeholders to support the conduct of the study on the establishment of RSOO(s) and contribute to the cost of the study, as deemed necessary.

c) Oversight.

d) Enforcement.

e) Safety management (SSP)

f) Other.

4) What areas of activity would you like RSOO(s) to address? Please explain in terms of the following:

a) Flight Safety (flight operations, aircraft airworthiness and personnel licensing).

b) Aerodromes, including certification thereof.

c) Air Navigation Services (ATM, PANS-OPS, AIM, CNS, MET, SAR)

- d) Other.
- 5) What specific tasks would you like to see carried out by an RSOO for ACAC States? Please explain in terms of the following::
- a) Drafting and harmonizing regulations.
 - b) Developing guidance material, procedures and inspector handbooks.
 - c) Conducting surveillance activities, such as inspections and audits.

6) Is your State already a member of any other RSOOs (including COSCAPs)?

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