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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

AERODROME SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper highlights the need to integrate Aerodrome Safety activities to the RASG-MID work programme. The paper also proposes the establishment of a Runway and Ground Safety Working Group (RGS WG) within the framework of RASG-MID.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- AOP SG/9 Report
- MIDANPIRG/14 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Ninth Meeting of the Aerodrome Operational Planning Sub-Group (AOP SG/9) was held in Cairo, Egypt, 23 – 25 September 2013.

1.2 The Second Meeting of RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC/2) was held in Amman, Jordan 28-30 October 2013.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The RSC/2 meeting supported a proposal from the AOP SG/9 to transfer the aerodrome safety issues from MIDANPIRG to RASG-MID since most of the activities related to Aerodrome Certification and Runway Safety would fit more within the RASG-MID framework.

2.2 In this regard, and in order to avoid duplication of efforts, the MIDANPIRG/14 meeting (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 15-19 December 2013) agreed that the activities of the AOP SG be transferred to the RASG-MID framework and endorsed the following Decision:

DECISION 14/10: TRANSFER OF AERODROMES ACTIVITIES TO RASG-MID

That,

- a) the activities of the AOP SG and ADCI TF be transferred to the RASG-MID framework ; and*

- b) Aerodrome Specialists from MID States and ICAO continue to support MIDANPIRG and its subsidiary bodies for aerodromes-related Air Navigation matters.*

2.3 Based on the above, the RSC/2 meeting suggested the establishment of a Working Group for Runway and Ground Safety (RGS WG) under the MID Regional Aviation Safety Team (MID-RAST) to address all aerodromes safety issues. Accordingly, the meeting agreed to the following Draft Decision:

DRAFT DECISION 3/XX: ESTABLISHMENT OF RUNWAY AND GROUND SAFETY WORKING GROUP (RGS WG)

That,

- a) Runway and Ground Safety (RGS) Working Group is established with Terms of Reference (TOR) as at **Appendix A** to this working paper; and*
- b) States appoint member and alternate for the RGS Working Group.*

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to agree on the Draft Decision in paragraph 2.3 above.

APPENDIX A

RUNWAY AND GROUND SAFETY WORKING GROUP (RGS WG)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

A) PURPOSE OF THE RGS WG:

The RGS WG is established to promote the runway and ground safety in the MID Region in line with the MID Aviation Safety Strategy. It will support the RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC) and Regional Aviation Safety Team (MID-RAST) in the development, implementation, and monitoring of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) related to the RGS Focus Area (FA).

In order to meet its Terms of Reference, the RGS WG shall:

- 1) develop SEIs and mitigation measures through Detailed Implementation Plans (DIPs) related to aerodrome and runway safety matters, such as:
 - a) Runway excursions;
 - b) Runway Excursions;
 - c) Aerodrome Certification;
 - d) Safety Management Systems (SMS) implementation for aerodromes;
 - e) Aerodrome Emergency Planning;
 - f) Wildlife Control;
 - g) FOD Prevention; and
 - h) Aerodrome Safety Oversight.
- 2) provide recommended actions through the development of DIPs for each SEI, in a prioritized manner;
- 3) monitor the implementation of DIPs and provide feedback to the RSC;
- 4) assist MID-States to establish Runway Safety Teams;
- 5) propose input to the MID-RAST for the development of the RASG-MID yearly work programme; and
- 6) undertake other functions relevant to runway and ground safety and aerodrome operational planning.

B) COMPOSITION:

States:.....

Partners: IATA, ACI, FAA, 

C) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- RGS WG Rapporteur – Coordinate RGS activities and provide overall guidance and leadership;
- RGS Coordinators – Provide technical expertise and collaborate in the development of SEIs and DIPs related to assigned FA, as requested by the RGS Rapporteur;
- ICAO – Support; and
- Partners – Provide technical expertise and collaborate in the development of material as requested by the RGS Rapporteur.

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