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**REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE MID AIR
NAVIGATION PLAN AD-HOC WORKING GROUP
(ANP WG/2)**

(Cairo, Egypt, 16-18 December 2014)

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PART I – HISTORY OF THE MEETING

1. PLACE AND DURATION

1.1 The Second Meeting of the MID Air Navigation Plan Ad-hoc Working Group (ANP WG/2) was held at the Meeting Room of the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, from 16 to 18 December 2014.

2. OPENING

2.1 The Meeting was opened by Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Deputy Regional Director, ICAO Middle East Regional Office, who extended a warm welcome to all participants to Cairo. Mr. Smaoui provided the background for the development of the new eANP and the work achieved by the ICAO Secretariat for the preparation of the MID eANP, based on the ICAO Council approved Template.

2.2 Mr. Smaoui highlighted the challenges related to the development of the final version of the MID eANP which should be presented to MIDANPIRG/15 for endorsement.

2.3 Finally Mr. Smaoui wished the meeting every success in its deliberations.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 The meeting was attended by a total of thirty (30) participants from six (6) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Kuwait, Sudan and Saudi Arabia) and (1) one Organization (IATA). The List of Participants is at **Attachment A** to the Report.

4. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

4.1 The meeting was chaired by Mr. Alaa Eldin Mahmoud Orabi, General Director of Air Traffic Planning, Egypt. Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Deputy Regional Director and Mr. Abbas Niknejad, RO/AIM/ATM, were the Secretaries of the meeting, supported by Mr. Raza Gulam, RO/CNS, Mr. Adel Ramlawi, RO/AGA and Mr. Elie El-Khoury, RO/ATM/SAR.

5. LANGUAGE

5.1 Discussions were conducted in English and documentation was issued in English.

6. AGENDA

6.1 The following Agenda was adopted:

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

Agenda Item 2: Review of global developments related to Air Navigation Planning

Agenda Item 3: Development of the new MID Air Navigation Plan

Agenda Item 4: Future Work Programme

Agenda Item 5: Any other business

7. CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS – DEFINITION

7.1 All MIDANPIRG Sub-Groups and Task Forces record their actions in the form of Conclusions and Decisions with the following significance:

- a) **Conclusions** deal with the matters which, in accordance with the Group's terms of reference, merit directly the attention of States on which further action will be initiated by ICAO in accordance with established procedures; and
- b) **Decisions** deal with matters of concern only to the MIDANPIRG and its contributory bodies

8. LIST OF DRAFT CONCLUSIONS AND DRAFT DECISIONS

DRAFT CONCLUSION 2/1: INPUTS TO THE MID eANP TABLES

DRAFT DECISION 2/2: DISSOLUTION OF THE ANP AD-HOC WORKING GROUP

PART II: REPORT ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1.1 The meeting reviewed and adopted the Provisional Agenda as at Para. 6 of the History of the Meeting.

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 2: REVIEW OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO AIR NAVIGATION PLANNING

2.1 The meeting recalled that the ICAO Council approved the new eANP Template (Volumes I, II and III) and corresponding procedure for amendment on 18 June 2014 (202nd session, fourth meeting).

2.2 The meeting noted that the ANP data related to the air navigation facilities and services can be classified as stable, dynamic or flexible. Accordingly, the new eANP is composed of three Volumes, as follow:

- a) Volume I should contain stable plan elements, the amendment of which require approval by the Council, related to:
 - 1) assignment of responsibilities;
 - 2) mandatory requirements subject to regional agreement; and/or
 - 3) additional requirements specific to the Region which are not covered in SARPs.

Note. — The following is a non-exhaustive list of such elements:

Flight Information Regions (FIR) Boundaries (table and charts), Search and Rescue Regions (SRR) Boundaries (table and charts), Volcanic Ash Advisory Centres (VAAC), Tropical Cyclone Advisory Centres (TCAC), Volcano Observatories (VO).

- b) Volume II should contain dynamic plan elements, the amendment of which does not require approval by the Council (approval is by regional agreement involving the relevant PIRG), related to:
 - 1) assignment of responsibilities;
 - 2) mandatory requirements subject to regional agreement; and/or
 - 3) additional requirements specific to the region which are not covered in SARPs.

Note. — The following is a non-exhaustive list of such elements:

major traffic flows; ATS route network; Meteorological Watch Offices (MWO); Secondary Surveillance Radar (SSR) codes; five-letter name-codes; VOLMET broadcasts.

- c) Volume III should contain dynamic/flexible plan elements providing implementation planning guidance for air navigation systems and their modernization taking into consideration emerging programmes such as the ASBUs and associated technology roadmaps described in the GANP. The ANP Volume III would also include appropriate additional guidance, particularly with regard to implementation, to

complement the material contained in the ANP Volumes I and II. The amendment of Volume III would not require approval by the Council (approval of Part II is under the responsibility of the relevant PIRG).

2.3 The meeting noted that the MID eANP was used as a prototype under SPACE (iSTARS
2.0 website) which could be accessed through the ICAO Secure Portal:
<https://portal.icao.int/space/ANP/Pages/MID/>.

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 3: DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW MID AIR NAVIGATION PLAN

3.1 The meeting recalled that the MIDANPIRG/14, through Decision 14/24, agreed that the development of the MID eANP based on the Council-approved ANP Template, be included in the work programme of the different MIDANPIRG subsidiary bodies and the relevant Parts of the MID eANP be presented, as soon as available, to MSG/4 and/or MIDANPIRG/15 for endorsement.

3.2 The meeting recalled that the MSG/4 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 24-26 November 2014) supported the work done by the Secretariat and different MIDANPIRG subsidiary bodies related to the development of the MID eANP and urged States to provide comments/updates on the MID eANP to the ANP WG/2 meeting, for the consolidation of the final version to be presented to MIDANPIRG/15 for endorsement.

3.3 The meeting reviewed and updated VOL I, II and III of the MID eANP, available on the ICAO MID website: <http://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/meetings.aspx>, with a special focus on the population of the Tables and “Specific Regional Requirements”.

3.4 In connection with the above, it was highlighted that Table AOP I-1 does not include some of the Saudi Airports which are required/used for international flights. The meeting noted also that sixteen (16) Egyptian Airports had been included in the Table AOP I-1, although some of them are not required by the users. Accordingly, the meeting agreed that the ICAO MID Regional Office should follow up with Egypt and Saudi Arabia to issue a proposal for amendment of the current Basic ANP to update the list of their international aerodromes, taking into consideration the users’ requirements.

3.5 It was highlighted that the population of the Tables ATM I-1 *MID Region Flight Information Regions (FIRs)/ Upper Information Regions (UIRs)* and SAR I-1 *MID Region Search and Rescue Regions (SRRs)* is a challenging process that requires the cooperation of all concerned States. In this regard, the meeting agreed that the inconsistencies, if any, be reflected in the Remarks Column (a TBD note could be used). The meeting reviewed and updated the ATM I-1 and SAR I-1 Tables, developed based on the following process in a prioritized and sequential manner:

- a) The approved Proposal for Amendments (PfAs) to the MID ANP by the ICAO Council.
- b) The MID RAN Meetings Reports.
- c) Agreements between States communicated to ICAO.
- d) AIS publications when descriptions coincide with the current Charts ATS-1 and no differences between States (TBD will reflect the inconsistencies, if any).

3.6 The meeting agreed that for Table CNS II-4 related to HF and Table MET II-3 related to VOLMET, the ICAO MID Regional Office should carry out necessary coordination to include the requirements related to Libya and Sudan, if any.

3.7 The meeting raised concern regarding the definition of column 8 in the Explanation of Table MET II-2 (State of the Runway), which is not very clear. It was also highlighted that the references in Volume I related to the status of implementation of the Volcanic Ash Advisory Centres (VAACs) and Tropical Cyclone Advisory Centre (TCAC) are not necessary. However, since the Template of the eANP including the Tables and their explanatory notes have been approved by the ICAO Council, it was agreed that the above concerns might be considered in the future.

3.8 With regard to Volume III, the meeting commended the work done by the Secretariat and agreed to few amendments/improvements. The meeting emphasized that the population of the MID ANP Tables requires inputs from all MID States. In this respect, the meeting agreed that the Secretariat follow-up with the States for the provision of their inputs to be incorporated in the final version, which will be presented to MIDANPIRG/15 for endorsement. Accordingly, the meeting agreed to the following Draft Conclusion:

DRAFT CONCLUSION 2/I: INPUTS TO THE MID eANP TABLES

That, States be urged to:

- a) to assign a focal point to facilitate the coordination of all issues related to the MID eANP; and*
- b) provide the ICAO MID Regional Office with their inputs/updates related to the Tables of the MID eANP Volumes I, II and III, available on the ICAO MID website, before **15 March 2015**.*

3.9 The meeting noted with appreciation that the development and approval of the MID eANP (Volumes I and II) will be completed in accordance with the Action Plan (Timelines) approved by the ICAO Council (mid 2015). With regard to Volume III, it was highlighted that the MID Region will be even ahead of the timelines agreed by the ICAO Council (end of 2015).

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 4: FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

4.1 The meeting recalled that MIDANPIRG/13 (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 22 - 26 April 2012), through Decision 13/32 agreed to the establishment of the MID Air Navigation Plan Ad-hoc Working Group (ANP WG).

4.2 Noting that the majority of the Tasks assigned to the ANP WG have been completed and taking into consideration that the final draft of the MID eANP will be presented to MIDANPIRG/15 for endorsement, the meeting agreed to the following Draft Decision:

DRAFT DECISION 2/2: DISSOLUTION OF THE ANP AD-HOC WORKING GROUP

That, the ANP Ad-Hoc Working Group is dissolved.

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Nothing has been discussed under this Agenda Item.

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