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**MIDANPIRG Meteorology Sub-Group
Fifth Meeting (MET SG/5)**

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Agenda Item 4.2: Review implementation of the Meteorological Advisories and Warnings

RESULTS OF SIGMET TESTS IN THE MID REGION AND REQUEST FOR WMO AHL

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides a status on SIGMET tests conducted in the MID Region and a request for WMO abbreviated header lines for SIGMET and special air-reports, where necessary.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting will recall MIDANPIRG/13 Conclusion 13/52 that invited States' MID SIGMET Test focal points to participate in the bi-annual SIGMET tests conducted by the EUR Region and report any deficiencies at each MET SG meeting.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Regional OPMET Centre (ROC) Vienna provided a list of participants from the EUR SIGMET test in February 2014 and the Asia/Pacific SIGMET test on tropical cyclone in November 2013. With reference to WS SIGMET test on 5 February 2014, three test bulletins (WSKW31 OKBK, WSSD41 OEJD, and WSEG31 HECA) were received from the MID Region. With reference to WV SIGMET test on February 2014, four test bulletins (WVBN31 OBBI, WSJD01 OJAM, WVER31 OMAE, WVSD31 OEJD) were received from the MID Region. With reference to the WC SIGMET test on 12 November 2013, one test bulletin message (WCBNnn OBBI) was received but ended in the error log due to the lack of providing series numbers.

2.2 The meeting may recall that WS SIGMET test occurs on the first Wednesday of February and September and WV SIGMET test occurs on the first Thursday of February and September. The WC SIGMET test occurs in November of each year and the date is determined in the APAC Region which would be conveyed to MID States at least two months in advance.

2.3 The meeting may also recall that MIDANPIRG/13 Conclusion 13/53 invited States with meteorological watch office responsibilities, and that have not already done so, to provide by 1 July 2012, the World Meteorological Organization Abbreviated Header Lines (AHLs) used for the issuance of SIGMET for flight information regions (FIRs) under their area of responsibility for inclusion in the MID Regional SIGMET Guide (https://portal.icao.int/RO_MID/Pages/default.aspx). Entries for Iraq, Lebanon, and Syria still need to be verified.

2.4 The meeting may also recall SADISOPSG Conclusion 17/15, Inventory of WMO AHLs used by States to promulgate special air-reports, which were to be in accordance with WMO Publication No. 386, *Manual on the Global Telecommunications System*. Appendix E of the referenced MID Regional SIGMET Guide contains a list of headings in this regard to be used by States. Confirmation has only been received by Libya and Sudan. All other States are requested to provide confirmation or an update to their respective entries in Appendix E of the MID Regional SIGMET Guide.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the contents in this paper;
- b) provide WMO AHL for SIGMET where requested; and
- c) provide WMO AHL for special air-reports where requested.

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