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MIDANPIRG STEERING GROUP

Fourth Meeting (MSG/4)
(Cairo, Egypt, 24 – 26 November 2014)

Agenda Item 4: MID Region Air Navigation Planning

MET PLANNING MATTERS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents significant outcomes from the Fifth Meeting of the MET Sub-Group (MET SG/5) of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG) for consideration/endorsement by the MSG/4 meeting.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- MET SG/5
- MIDANPIRG/14

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Fifth Meeting of the MET Sub-Group (MET SG/5) of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG) was held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from 2-4 September 2014 and attended by a total of twenty four (24) participants, from eight (8) States (Austria, Egypt, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and United Kingdom).

1.2 The MET SG/5 developed four (4) Draft Conclusions for MSG/4 and MIDANPIRG/15 consideration, one of which had already been addressed by the ICAO MID Regional Office and two of which are described in a separate Working Paper (WP/13).

2. DISCUSSION

MIDANPIRG SADIS Cost Recovery Administrative Group (SCRAG) Member

2.1 The MET SG/5 meeting noted that the SCRAG Member from Egypt, Mr. Mohamed Desouky, had not been able to correspond with the SCRAG and attend the annual meetings, as a result a new nomination was necessary. The ICAO MID Regional Office received a nomination from Egypt and one from the United Arab Emirates to represent the MID Region on the SCRAG.

2.2 The MET SG/5 meeting agreed that based on cost shares related to payment for the SADIS service, the United Arab Emirates, who has the greatest cost share in the MID Region, should represent the MID Region on the SCRAG. The UAE nominated Mr. Ahmed Alobadli as member of the SCRAG for consideration by MIDANPIRG.

2.3 The nomination would be processed by the ICAO MID Regional Director (Secretary of MIDANPIRG) in coordination with concerned parties (MIDANPIRG Chairperson, ICAO HQ and UAE). Accordingly, the MET SG/5 agreed to the the following Draft Conclusion:

Why	Member of SCRAG is needed to represent the MID Region
What	MID nomination to SCRAG
Who	MSG on behalf of MIDANPIRG
When	November 2014

DRAFT CONCLUSION 5/1: MID SCRAG NOMINATION

That, Mr. Ahmed Alobadli from the United Arab Emirates be nominated as the MIDANPIRG member of the SADIS Cost Recovery Administrative Group.

SIGMET issues

2.4 The MET SG/5 meeting reviewed participation of various SIGMET tests that occurred in November 2013 (Tropical Cyclone) and February 2014 (other phenomenon, Volcanic Ash). One, three and four test messages for tropical cyclone, other phenomenon, and volcanic ash SIGMET was/were received by Regional OPMET Centre (ROC) Vienna. The MET SG/5 agreed that SIGMET test participation still did not meet expectations and possibly due to the fact that the points of contact for SIGMET tests were out of date as confirmed by ROC Vienna. The MET SG/5 agreed that States be urged to update their SIGMET points of contact by 1 December 2014 in order to continue to increase SIGMET test participation (MET SG/5 Draft Conclusion 5/2 refers). As a result, the ICAO MID Regional Office issued State Letter AN 10/12 – 14/263 on 9 October 2014 for States to reply with an update to their MID SIGMET contact points by 1 December 2014.

OPMET exchange

2.5 Developments related to OPMET exchange, in particular, to the establishment of the Regional OPMET Centre (ROC) Jeddah and Bahrain (backup) is provided in a separate Working Paper (WP/13).

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to endorse the Draft Conclusion in paragraph 2.3.