International Civil Aviation Organization

MIDANPIRG AIM Sub-Group

Second Meeting (AIM SG/2) (Kish Island, Iran, 31 August-2 September 2015)

Agenda Item 4: Performance Framework for AIM implementation in the MID Region

OUTCOME OF THE MIDAD TF/3 MEETING

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This Flimsy presents the outcome of the MIDAD TF/3 meeting held in Kish Island, Iran, 29-30 August 2015.

REFERENCES

- MIDAD TF/3 Draft Report

1. Introduction

1.1 The Third meeting of the MID Region AIM Database (MIDAD TF/3) was held in Kish Island, Iran from 29 to 30 August 2015. The meeting endorsed two (2) Draft Decisions and one (1) Draft Conclusion.

2. DISCUSSION

MIDAD Support Team

- The MIDAD TF/3 meeting recalled that, taking into account that the majority of the tasks assigned by the DGCA-MID/2 meeting to the Four Leading States (Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE) have been successfully accomplished, and considering that the DGCA-MID/3 meeting has decided that the legal framework for the MIDAD Project will no longer be provided by the Leading States since MIDAD will be managed as a TCB project under the MAEP framework, the MIDANPIRG/15 meeting, through Conclusion 15/25, agreed that the MIDAD ST composition be amended to include Bahrain, Jordan, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, UAE and the ICAO MID Regional Office. The meeting further recognized the need to assign members to the MIDAD ST from the list of MIDAD Focal Points and agreed that Mr. Abbas Niknejad, Regional Officer AIM/ATM, ICAO MID Regional Office, be designated as the Rapporteur of the ST. In this respect, the meeting noted that some members of the MIDAD ST have changed position/function within their Civil Aviation Authority and accordingly, the ICAO MID Regional Office was requested to double check with States if the information related to their MIDAD Focal Point is up-to-date.
- 2.2 Based on the above, the meeting agreed to the following Draft Decision to replace and supersede MIDANPIRG Decision 15/25 and MSG Conclusion 4/18:

DRAFT DECISION 3/1: MIDAD SUPPORT TEAM (MIDAD ST)

That, the MIDAD Support Team (MIDAD ST)

- a) be composed of the MIDAD Focal Points from Bahrain, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, UAE and the ICAO MID Regional Office as at **Appendix 3A**; and
- b) provide necessary support to the MIDAD Task Force to successfully complete Phase2 of the MIDAD Project.
- 2.3 The meeting agreed that the work of the MIDAD ST shall be carried out mainly through exchange of correspondence, between its Members using all means of communication (emails, Teleconferencing, etc.).
- 2.4 The meeting recognized the need for States to establish a National multidisciplinary MIDAD Committee/Team to address all issues related to MIDAD (operational, financial, institutional, etc.) and provide necessary support to their MIDAD Focal Point who is supposed to be the Rapporteur of the National MIDAD Committee/Team. Accordingly, the meeting agreed to the following Draft Conclusion:

DRAFT CONCLUSION 3/2: NATIONAL MIDAD COMMITTEE/TEAM

That, States be encouraged to establish a National MIDAD Committee/Team to provide necessary support to their MIDAD Focal Point in defining the State's position with regard to any issue/option related to the management of the MIDAD Project and development of the MIDAD Detailed Study.

Evaluation of the Tenders

- 2.5 The meeting was apprised of the status of the evaluation of Tenders of the MIDAD Detailed Study, presented by the MIDAD Task Force Chairman. The meeting recalled that, based on the Specifications of the Detailed Study, a Call for Tender (CfT) for the MIDAD Detailed Study was published by UAE on 25 November 2014. Offers were received from Two (2) Companies by 1 March 2015.
- 2.6 The meeting noted that, in parallel with the CfT process, an evaluation methodology was developed and endorsed by the four leading States and the MIDAD ST.
- 2.7 The meeting noted that Clarification Sessions with the bidders were held in Abu Dhabi, UAE on 10 and 11 August 2015.
- 2.8 The meeting endorsed the results of the evaluation process and agreed on the Company to be selected for the development of the MIDAD Detailed Study, pending final endorsement by the MAEP SC/2 meeting.

Funding Options for the MIDAD Detailed Study

2.9 The meeting recalled that the DGCA-MID/3 meeting (Doha, Qatar, 27-29 April 2015), through Conclusion 3/4, agreed that the MIDAD Project (Detailed Study, implementation, operation, etc.) be managed as a TCB project under the MAEP framework and that the final decision

on the funding mechanism of the MIDAD Project should be addressed by the MIDAD TF/3 and MAEP SC/Board meetings.

- 2.10 It was highlighted that the MIDANPIRG/15 meeting (Bahrain, 8-11 June 2015) agreed that the following should be considered in developing funding option(s) for the MIDAD Detailed Study:
 - a) the MIDAD Project Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as signed by the MIDAD Participating States;
 - b) the contribution of States be based on their economic figures; the volume of traffic and the Gross Domestic Product per capita (GDP);
 - c) proposals received from States (formal proposal, discussions, etc.) and in particular from the GCC States;
 - d) the method of collection of contributions;
 - e) the political/security stability of the committed States and their ability to pay contributions;
 - f) possibility of advance contribution from a number of State with a possibility for recovery;
 - g) late joining of additional States;
 - h) possible delays in the payment/collection of contributions;
 - i) legal/institutional framework; and
 - j) initial thoughts about a cost-recovery mechanism.
- 2.11 The meeting was briefed about the MID Region ATM Enhancement Programme (MAEP). It was highlighted that the DGCA-MID/3 meeting reviewed and endorsed the MAEP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and agreed that the MAEP MOA shall come into effect on the date it is signed by at least five (05) States. In this respect, the meeting noted that, as of today, Egypt, Sudan and UAE signed the MAEP MOA. Concern was raised about the remaining ten (10) MIDAD States that have not yet signed the MAEP MOA. The meeting agreed that this should be addressed by the MAEP SC/Board.
- 2.12 The meeting discussed a number of funding options for the development of the MIDAD Detailed Study. In this respect, the meeting agreed to divide the MIDAD States into two groups (A and B) based on the GDP per capita, traffic and volume of Aeronautical Information, as at **Appendix B**.
- 2.13 Taking into consideration the criteria endorsed by MIDANPIRG/15 for the funding of the MIDAD Detailed Study and the inputs received from States with regard to the preferred funding option, the meeting developed the three Funding Options at **Appendix C**, to be proposed to the MAEP SC/2 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 20-22 October 2015) for final decision.
- 2.14 The meeting agreed that, as part of the Project, TCB should be responsible not only for Project Management support, but also to provide technical support for the Contract negotiation, evaluation of deliverables during the development of the detailed study, assessment of proposed options/scenarios, etc.

Action Plan/Timelines related to the MIDAD Project

2.15 The meeting reviewed and updated the Action Plan/Timelines related to the MIDAD

Project Phase 2 as at **Appendix D**, taking into consideration the outcome of its discussions.

2.16 Taking into consideration, the progress of the MIDAD Project and the planned ICAO MID Regional events which are of relevance to the activity of the MIDAD Task Force, the meeting agreed that the MIDAD TF/4 meeting be scheduled for the first quarter of 2017; the venue will be the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo, unless a State offers to host the meeting.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information provided in the flimsy.
