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**Runway and Ground Safety Working Group**

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**Agenda Item 2: Implementation of Aerodrome Safety Priorities and Objectives in the MID Region**

**STATUS OF AERODROMES CERTIFICATION**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

**SUMMARY**

This working paper presents a review on the status of Aerodromes Certification in the MID Region.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**REFERENCES**

- RASG-MID/4 Report

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The intent of ICAO requirement for Certification of Aerodromes is to improve safety and ensure the establishment of a regulatory regime to assure compliance with Annex 14 Volume I and other related SARPs.

1.2 Most of MID States have created a Directorate of Aerodromes Standards and Safety (DASS) as recommended by ICAO Doc 9774 (Manual on Certification of Aerodromes). However, the implementation of Aerodromes Certification is still a challenge in some States.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 When an Aerodrome is granted a certificate, it signifies to aircraft operators and other organizations operating on the Aerodrome that, at the time of Certification, the Aerodrome meets the specifications regarding the facility and its operation. This means that the Aerodrome has, according to the certifying authority, the capability to maintain these specifications for the period of validity of the certificate. The Certification process also establishes the baseline for continued monitoring of compliance with the specifications.

2.2 The meeting may wish to recall that there is variation in the level of Aerodromes Certification implementation in the MID Region. Some States have certified all their International Aerodromes achieving 100% Certification of Aerodromes listed in the ANP, whereas some other States have not certified any of their International Aerodromes.

2.3 Accordingly, the Second Regional Runway Safety Seminar (MID-RRSS/2, Dubai, UAE 2-5 June 2014) has included a break-out session on Aerodrome Certification. It has been agreed that Runway Safety Go-Team can be used as a tool to support States, which have not yet done so, to complete the certification of their International Aerodromes.

2.4 Based on the latest feedback provided by States, the Aerodromes Certification Implementation table has been updated as at **Appendix A**. The table shows that 31 out of the 66 MID States International Aerodromes have been certified. This number represents 47% of the International Aerodromes listed in the MID ANP. It is to be highlighted that aerodrome certification target according to the MID Safety Strategy is 50% by 2015 and 75% by 2017.

2.5 The above-mentioned table shows that the MID ANP includes 53 Aerodromes designated as International Air Transport for Regular Use (RS) of which 29 Aerodromes (55%) have been certified. There is only one Aerodrome designated as International non-scheduled Air Transport for Regular Use (RNS) certified out of 4 Aerodromes representing 25%. On the other hand, 11% of Aerodromes designated as International scheduled Air Transport for Alternate Use (AS) were certified.

2.6 It is to be noted that Sudan has certified Port-Sudan Airport (HSPN) since 15/12/2014 and Iran advised that a total of four international aerodromes have been certified. The ICAO MID Regional Office has received requests from Egypt, Iran and Sudan for a change to the list of their International Aerodromes. Accordingly, ICAO MID Office has prepared a Proposal for Amendment (PFA) to update the AOP table of the MID BASIC ANP.

2.7 In connection with the above, the RASG-MID/4 meeting noted that the AOP Table of ANP does not include some of the Saudi Aerodromes which are required/used for international operations. Accordingly, Saudi Arabia is invited to review the current Basic ANP and send an updated list of International Aerodromes to the ICAO MID Regional Office taking into consideration the users' needs as requested by State Letter Ref.: AN 9/2.2 - 15/048 dated 9 February 2015.

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review and update, as appropriate, the status of implementation of Certification of Aerodromes as at **Appendix A**;
- b) propose actions as appropriate for each MID State to meet the MID-Safety Strategy targets for Aerodromes Certification; and
- c) invite those States facing difficulties to request the ICAO-MID Regional Office for necessary assistance (Mission to State, Runway Safety Go-Team, etc).

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APPENDIX A

STATUS OF AERODROME CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION IN MID REGION

| Sr           | State        | Listed Aerodromes |     |    |     |       | Certified Aerodromes |     |     |     |       | Percentage certified | Remarks |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-----|----|-----|-------|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|----------------------|---------|
|              |              | RS                | RNS | AS | ANS | Total | RS                   | RNS | AS  | ANS | Total |                      |         |
| 1            | Bahrain      | 1                 |     |    |     | 1     | 1                    |     |     |     | 1     | 100%                 |         |
| 2            | Egypt        | 8                 | 1   | 7  |     | 16    | 4                    |     |     |     | 4     | 25%                  |         |
| 3            | Iran         | 7                 | 1   |    |     | 8     | 4                    |     |     |     | 4     | 50%                  |         |
| 4            | Iraq         | 5                 | 1   |    |     | 6     | 2                    |     |     |     | 2     | 33%                  |         |
| 5            | Jordan       | 2                 |     | 1  |     | 3     | 1                    |     |     |     | 1     | 33%                  |         |
| 6            | Kuwait       | 1                 |     |    |     | 1     | 1                    |     |     |     | 1     | 100%                 |         |
| 7            | Lebanon      | 1                 |     |    |     | 1     | 0                    |     |     |     | 0     | 0%                   |         |
| 8            | Libya        | 3                 |     |    |     | 3     | 0                    |     |     |     | 0     | 0%                   |         |
| 9            | Oman         | 1                 |     | 1  |     | 2     | 1                    |     | 1   |     | 2     | 100%                 |         |
| 10           | Qatar        | 2                 |     |    |     | 2     | 2                    |     |     |     | 2     | 100%                 |         |
| 11           | Saudi Arabia | 4                 |     |    |     | 4     | 4                    |     |     |     | 4     | 100%                 |         |
| 12           | Sudan        | 3                 |     |    | 0   | 3     | 2                    |     |     |     | 2     | 67%                  |         |
| 13           | Syria        | 3                 |     |    |     | 3     | 0                    |     |     |     | 0     | 0%                   |         |
| 14           | UAE          | 7                 | 1   |    |     | 8     | 7                    | 1   |     |     | 8     | 100%                 |         |
| 15           | Yemen        | 5                 |     |    |     | 5     | 0                    |     |     |     | 0     | 0%                   |         |
| <b>Total</b> |              | 53                | 4   | 9  | 0   | 66    | 29                   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 31    | 47%                  |         |
| % certified  |              |                   |     |    |     |       | 55%                  | 25% | 11% |     | 47%   |                      |         |

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