



International Civil Aviation Organization

RASG-MID Steering Committee

Fourth Meeting (RSC/4)

(Cairo, Egypt, 15 – 17 December 2015)

Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

ESTABLISHMENT OF MENA-RSOO

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

Based on the results of the Study on the establishment of RSOO(s) for the ACAC and ICAO MID States, nine States signed the Letter of Intent during the DGCA-MID/3 meeting and committed to the establishment process of an RSOO for Middle East and North African Group of States (MENA RSOO).

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- DGCA-MID/3 meeting Report.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ACAC/ICAO Seminar/Workshop, which was held in Rabat in December 2012, developed a strategy for the establishment of an RSOO. The Strategy was endorsed by the ACAC Executive Council and the DGCA-MID/2 meeting in December 2012 and May 2013, respectively. The DGCA-MID/2 meeting also agreed that ICAO would support ACAC in the conduct of the RSOO Study.

1.2 Work begun on the Study in January 2015, upon the hiring of a Consultant. The Final Report of the Study was consolidated taking into consideration the outcome of the Workshop on the Initial Results of the Study on the Establishment of Regional Safety Oversight Organization(s), held in Rabat, Morocco, 23-24 March 2015.

1.3 The Final Report of the Study was circulated by ACAC to the 13 States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, UAE and Yemen) that participated in the Study on 21 April 2015.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Based on the results of the Study, the DGCA-MID/3 meeting supported the establishment of an RSOO for the Middle East and North African Group of States (MENA RSOO), with a primary objective of the RSOO should be to assist member States to develop and implement SSP (core service). The RSOO should also assist States to resolve safety oversight deficiencies, and thereby achieve compliance with international requirements.

2.2 Nine States (Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Sudan) signed the Letter of Intent and committed to the process of establishing the MENA RSOO. Accordingly, in accordance with the Future Activities and Work Plan proposed by the Study, the next step is the establishment of the Steering Committee (June 2015), which should be composed of the Directors General of the States that signed the Letter of Intent.

2.3 The DGAC-MID/3 meeting noted with appreciation Saudi Arabia's offer to host the MENA RSOO. However, it was highlighted that the decision related to the location of the RSOO should be left to the MENA RSOO Steering Committee, taking into consideration the criteria included in the Report of the Study.

2.4 It is to be underlined that the signed Letter of Intent was handed to the Director General of ACAC during the DGCA-MID/3 meeting for presentation to the ACAC Executive Council, Rabat, Morocco, 5-7 May 2015 and necessary follow-up action with concerned States and ICAO. However, no feedback or update has been received on the subject.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to agree on the next course of actions related to establishment process of MENA RSOO.

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