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MIDANPIRG STEERING GROUP

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Agenda Item 7: MIDANPIRG Working Arrangements

MIDANPIRG TERMS OF REFERENCES (TORs)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This paper highlights the need to update the Terms of References (TORs) of MIDANPIRG and all PIRGs to keep pace with the new developments.
Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.
REFERENCES
– MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The PIRGs and RASGs are established by the ICAO Council and their Terms of Reference (TORs) are approved by the Council.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The last amendment of the MIDANPIRG TORs was related to the addition of a task pertaining to the coordination with RASG-MID on safety issues (bullet m)), in 2010 (MIDANPIRG/12 Conclusion 12/1, refers).

2.2 The TOR of MIDANPIRG as reflected in its Procedural Handbook are at **Appendix A**. The parts which are outdated or overtaken by events are highlighted in yellow.

2.3 The meeting may wish to recall the following A38 Resolutions:

Resolution A38-2 – *ICAO Global Planning for Safety and Air Navigation (Appendix B – GANP)*:

- Calls upon PIRGs and the aviation industry to utilize the guidance provided in the GANP for planning and implementation activities which establish priorities, targets and indicators consistent with globally-harmonized objectives, taking into account operational needs.
- Calls upon States, PIRGs and the aviation industry to provide timely information to ICAO, and to each other, regarding the implementation status of the GANP, including the lessons learned from the implementation of its provisions.
- Invites PIRGs to use ICAO standardized tools or adequate regional tools to monitor and, in collaboration with ICAO, analyze the implementation status of air navigation systems.

Resolution A38-12 - *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and associated practices related specifically to air navigation:*

Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs), using a project management approach, shall identify problems and shortcomings in Regional Plans and in the implementation thereof, along with suggested remedial measures.

2.4 The GANP contains also many references to the PIRGs which should be considered when amending the PIRGs TORs.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review the TORs of MIDANPIRG at **Appendix A**; and
- b) propose changes to the TORs of PIRGs for consideration by the ICAO Council..

APPENDIX A

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AIR NAVIGATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP (MIDANPIRG)

1. Background

1.1 The Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG) was established by the Council of ICAO on 19 November 1993, through CNP/9819 during the 7th meeting of 140th session (C140/7) with the objectives and terms of reference approved then.

1.2 The Council subsequently on 29 June 1994 approved the membership of the Group as follows: Bahrain, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

1.3 The Council on 27 June 2008 considered a revision to membership of Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and agreed that all ICAO Member States, to which a Regional Office was accredited who are service providers in an air navigation region and part of that region's Air Navigation Plan (ANP), should be included in the membership of that Region's PIRG. Furthermore, user States are entitled to participate in any other PIRG meetings as a non-member. International organizations recognized by the Council may be invited as necessary to attend PIRG meetings as observers.

2. Terms of Reference of the MIDANPIRG

2.1 The Terms of Reference of the Group are to:

- a) ensure continuous and coherent development of the Middle East Regional Air Navigation Plan and other relevant regional documentation in a manner that is harmonized with adjacent regions, consistent with ICAO SARPs and **Global Air Navigation Plan for CNS/ATM systems (Doc 9750)** and reflecting global requirements;
- b) facilitate the implementation of air navigation systems and services as identified in the Middle East Regional Air Navigation Plan with due observance to the primacy of air safety, regularity and efficiency; and
- c) identify and address specific deficiencies in the air navigation field.

2.2 In order to meet the Terms of Reference the Group shall:

- a) review, and propose when necessary, the target dates for implementation of facilities, services and procedures to ensure the coordinated development of the Air Navigation System in the Middle East Region;
- b) assist the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in fostering the implementation of the Middle East Regional Air Navigation Plan;

- c) in line with the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), ensure the conduct of any necessary system performance monitoring, identify specific deficiencies in the Air Navigation field, especially in the context of safety, and propose corrective action;
- d) facilitate the development and implementation of an action plan by States to resolve identified deficiencies, where necessary;
- e) develop amendment proposals for the update of the Middle East Regional Air Navigation Plan **MID BASIC and FASID** Doc 9708 and Regional supplementary procedures (SUPPs) Doc 7030 to reflect changes in the operational requirements;
- f) monitor implementation of air navigation facilities and services and where necessary, ensure interregional harmonization, taking due account of organizational aspects, economic issues (including financial aspects cost/benefit analysis, business case studies) and environmental matters;
- g) examine human resources planning and training issues and propose where necessary human resources development capabilities in the region that are compatible with the Middle East Regional Air Navigation Plan;
- h) review **the Statement of Basic Operational Requirements and Planning Criteria and recommend to the Air Navigation Commission such changes to them as may be required in the light of developments;**
- i) request financial institutions on a consultative basis as appropriate to provide advice in the planning process;
- j) maintain close cooperation with relevant organizations and State grouping to optimize the use of available expertise and resources;
- k) conduct the above activities in the most efficient manner possible with a minimum of formality and documentation and call meetings of the MIDANPIRG, when it is necessary to do so;
- l) invite senior officials of the State, as required, to seek the endorsement of regional air navigation plans, expeditious implementation of air navigation systems elements and the resolution of air navigation deficiencies; and
- m) coordinate safety issues with the respective Regional Aviation Safety Group for the Middle East (RASG-MID).

3. Membership

3.1 All ICAO Member States, who are service providers in an air navigation region and part of that region's ANP, should be included in the membership of that region's PIRG. Furthermore, user States are entitled to participate in any other PIRG meetings as a non-member. International organizations recognized by the Council may be invited as necessary to attend PIRG meetings as observers.

3.2 The Group is composed of the members from the following States: Bahrain, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Yemen.

3.4 States should ensure that their designated Representatives on the Group have experience in the provision of the full range of international air navigation systems and serve for a sufficiently lengthy period of time in order to maintain continuity in the activities of the Group. The designated Representative can be assisted, when required, by Technical Advisers during meetings of the Group.

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