



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Minutes of the Third MIDANPIRG/RASG-MID Coordination Meeting (MRC/3)

(Kuwait, 14 February 2017)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Third MIDANPIRG/RASG-MID Coordination Meeting (MRC/3) was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kuwait, on 14 February 2017, as a side meeting of the Sixteenth meeting of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG/16, Kuwait, 13-16 February 2017).

1.2 The meeting was chaired by Mr. Ahmed Al Jallaf, The First Vice-Chairperson of MIDANPIRG.

1.3 Attendance:

Mr. Saleem Mohamed Hassan	Director Air Traffic Management Civil Aviation Affairs, Bahrain
Mr. Hisham Abdel Fattah Ibrahim	Head of Air Navigation Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority
Mr. Alaa Eldin Mahmoud Orabi	General Director of Air Traffic Planning National Air Navigation Services Company, Egypt
Mr. Mohammad Saeed Sharafi	General Director for Aerodrome and ANS oversight Civil Aviation Organization, Iran
Mr. Adel S. Boresli	Director Air Navigation DGCA Kuwait
Mr. Kamal Abdallah Nassereddine	Chief ATM DGCA Lebanon
Mr. Mubarak Saleh Al Gheilani	Sr. Director Assurance and Control PACA Oman
Mr. Abdulrahman Al Hammadi	Director of Air Safety Department Qatar Civil Aviation Authority
Mr. Dhiraj Ramdoyal	Head of ANS Inspectorate/SSP Coordinator Qatar Civil Aviation Authority
Mr. Ramy Saad	ANS Inspector Qatar Civil Aviation Authority
Mr. Mohamed Al-Asmakh	Supervisor Air traffic Controller Qatar Civil Aviation Authority
Mr. Fahad Awad Al-Malki	Manager of Operations Safety Saudi Air Navigation Services (SANS)

Mr. Ibrahim B. Aljabri	Director General of ATM General Authority of Civil Aviation, Saudi Arabia
Mr. Ahmed Al Jallaf	Assistant Director General Air Navigation Services General Civil Aviation Authority, United Arab Emirates
Mr. Abdalla Salim Al Rashidi	Director AIM General Civil Aviation Authority, United Arab Emirates
Mr. Hamad Rashid Al Belushi	Director ATM General Civil Aviation Authority, United Arab Emirates
Mr. Mohammad Faisal El Dossari	Director Air Navigation and Aerodromes Department General Civil Aviation Authority, United Arab Emirates
Mr. Robert Roxbrough	Senior Representative Middle East, FAA, USA
AACO Mr. Rashad Karaky	Director - Technical Department Arab Air Carriers Organization
BOEING Mr. Sam Bolooki	Director, Global Air Traffic Management The Boeing Company
CANSO Ms. Hanan Qabartai	Director Middle East Affairs Jordan
IATA Mr. Ken Mr. Sewell	Regional Director, Safety and Flight Operations IATA, MENA
Mr. Jehad Faqir	Deputy Regional Director Safety and Flight Operations, IATA, MENA
ICAO MID Regional Office Mr. Mohamed Rahma Mr. Mohamed Smaoui Mr. Elie El Khoury Mr. Abbas Niknejad	Regional Director Deputy Regional Director Regional Officer ATM/SAR Regional Officer AIM/ATM
ICAO HQ Mr. Saulo Da Silva	Chief, Global Interoperable Systems Section, ANB
ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office Mr. Christopher Keohan	Regional Officer MET

2. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

2.1 The meeting discussed WP/31 presented by Qatar to the MIDANPIRG/16 meeting related to the merging of the activities of MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID. There were different views about the proposal, however, it was agreed that it's worth exploring the merit of the proposal. The meeting was informed that the subject was addressed also at global level by the Air Navigation Commission and the Council (C-WP/14563 refers) and it was agreed that PIRGs and RASGs must have the flexibility to apply regional planning and implementation coordination and support mechanism models that best suit the characteristics of each Region.

2.2 The meeting agreed that the final objective is to improve the safety and efficiency of air navigation in the Region. Accordingly, it was agreed that it is necessary to identify the weaknesses/lack of effectiveness and challenges of the current mechanisms and the areas of duplication, as well as the associated causes; then propose possible mitigation measures, including the option of merging the activities of MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID, with clear identification of the pros and cons of each option, to facilitate the decision making process by the DGCA-MID and the ICAO Council.

2.3 Based on the above, the meeting agreed that an Action Group composed of Qatar (Rapporteur), Oman, UAE, IATA and ICAO be established to develop a comprehensive study in accordance with para. 2.2 above. A progress report will be presented to the Fourth MIDANPIRG/RASG-MID Coordination Meeting (MRC/4).

2.4 The meeting agreed also that the Chairperson of MIDANPIRG will organize a teleconference on quarterly basis with the Chairpersons of the different subsidiary bodies, in order to ensure an effective follow-up of the implementation of the agreed projects and initiatives.

2.5 The meeting reviewed and updated the Table listing the subjects in which both MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID have interest with an assignment of the leading Group as at **Appendix A**. In this respect, it was highlighted that MIDANPIRG/16 during the review of the status of implementation of the ASBU B0-ACAS, agreed that the carriage of ACAS (TCAS V7.1) is a regulatory requirement, which involves also the RASG-MID, and accordingly needs to be added to the list of subjects of common interest. Since the implementation of the B0-ACAS is being monitored by MIDANPIRG, it was agreed that the leading Group for this subject will be MIDANPIRG.

3. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

3.1 The meeting agreed that the MRC/4 meeting be held in Bahrain, as a side meeting to the RASG-MID/6 (Bahrain, 19-21 September 2017).

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Subjects of interest for MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID	Responsible/Leading Group	
	RASG-MID	MIDANPIRG
Aerodrome Operational Planning (AOP)		X
Runway and Ground Safety	X	
AIM, CNS and MET safety issues		X
CFIT	X	
SSP Implementation	X	
SMS implementation for ANS and Aerodromes	X	
Accidents and Incidents Analysis and Investigation	X	
English Language Proficiency	X	
RVSM safety monitoring		X
SAR and Flight Tracking		X
PBN		X
Civil/Military Coordination		X
Airspace management		X
Call Sign Similarity and Confusion		X
Conflict Zones		X
Contingency Planning		X
USOAP-CMA	X	
COSCAP, RSOO and RAIO	X	
Air Navigation Deficiencies		X
Training for ANS personnel		X
Training other civil aviation personnel	X	
Laser attack	X	
Fatigue Risk Management	X	
RPAS		X
GPS Jamming		X
Aeromedical	X	
Airborne Collision Avoidance System (ACAS)		X

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