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Regional Aviation Safety Group - Middle East

Sixth Meeting (RASG-MID/6)
(Bahrain, 26-28 September 2017)

Agenda Item 3:   **Regional Performance Framework for Safety**

OUTCOME OF THE MID-SST/3 MEETING

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This paper presents the outcome of the MID-SST/3 meeting.   Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES
- MID-SST/3 Report

1.   INTRODUCTION

1.1   The Third meeting of the MID Safety Support Team (MID-SST/3) was hosted by the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), Abu Dhabi, UAE, 10-13 October 2016. The meeting was attended by eight (8) States (Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE and United States) and five (5) International Organizations/Industries (Boeing, CANSO, COSCAP-GS, GCC and IATA).

1.2   In accordance with the revised MID-SST Terms of Reference, the MID-SST shifted to a different way of doing business, where States and Partners share expertise, experience and best practices in order to provide recommended actions related to the implementation of the Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs).

1.3   The MID-SST/3 meeting included a one day NCMCs meeting, to share and discuss all issues related to USOAP CMA, including the status, challenges and best practices. The NCMCs meeting will be part of the future MID-SST meetings.

2.   DISCUSSION

2.1   Based on a Draft Decision emanating from the MID-SST/3 meeting, the RSC/5 meeting, through Decision 5/4, agreed to a revised set of SEIs, as follows:

1- improve the status of implementation of State Safety Programme (SSP) and Safety Management System (SMS) in the MID Region;

2- strengthening of States' Safety Oversight capabilities;

3- improve Regional cooperation for the provision of Accident & Incident Investigation; and

4- improve implementation of ELP requirements in the MID Region.

2.2   With respect to the SSP/SMS implementation in the MID Region, the meeting:

a) identified common challenges/difficulties based on the States feedback related to SSP implementation including identification of a designated entity, establishment of an initial Acceptable Level of Safety Performance (ALoSP), allocation of resources to enable SSP implementation and lack of qualified and competent technical personnel; and

b) agreed to the following actions to support the SSP implementation:

- participate in the new ICAO Safety Management Training Programme (SMTP);

- work with the ICAO Regional Office to make use of available means (e.g. Technical Co-operation Bureau) to provide assistance needed for SSP implementation;

- consider the establishment of a mechanism similar to the RS Go Team in order to conduct assistance missions to States to address specific needs (SSP/SMS,USOAP-CMA, etc.);

- identify safety management best practices in coordination with States (champion State to promote best practices among other States) including sharing of technical guidance and tools related to SSP (e.g. advisory circulars, staff instructions);

- continuous update of the SSP Gap Analysis and completion of detailed SSP Self-Assessment; and

- establishment of voluntary and mandatory safety reporting systems.

2.3   With regard to SMS implementation at MID International Aerodromes, the RSC/5 meeting agreed that Saudi Arabia and Egypt work on a proposal for an action plan to be discussed in the RGS WG in order to be further processed by the MID-SST.

2.4   For the SMS implementation in ATM, CANSO as the Champion of the initiative will provide update in a separate WP.

2.5   The meeting recognized the need to monitor the status of SMS implementation by air operators, maintenance organizations and training organizations involved in flight training in order to take necessary actions to overcome the challenges faced and improve safety. In this regard, the meeting agreed that IATA with the support of the ICAO MID Office will provide feedback and a plan of actions to address SMS implementation by air operators.

2.6   The meeting agreed that the second SEI related to the strengthening of States' Safety Oversight capabilities should not be limited to the establishment of Regional/Sub-regional Safety Oversight Organizations(s) (RSOO).

2.7   With respect to the third SEI "improve Regional cooperation for the provision of Accident & Incident Investigation", the ACAC/ICAO AIG Workshop was hosted by Saudi Arabia in Jeddah, 25-27 April 2017, in order to address issues related to Accident and Incident Investigation, with a special focus on Regional Cooperation in order to finalize the Strategy for regional cooperation. The subject will be covered in a separate WP.

2.8   For the newly added SEI related to the implementation of ELP requirements in the MID Region, it was noted with appreciation that UAE will champion the proposed SEI and will develop a questionnaire, in coordination with the ICAO MID Office, to be used as the basis of a survey to assess the implementation of ELP requirements, and agree on the next course of actions.

2.9   The meeting may wish to note that the MID-SST/3 meeting developed a list of actions in support of the agreed SEIs as at **Appendix A,** which was supported by the RSC/5 meeting.

3.   ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1   The meeting is invited to:

a)   note the progress made by the MID-SST and agree on the way forward; and

b)   encourage States and stakeholders to support the MID-SST activities, including the list of actions at **Appendix A**.

APPENDIX A

List of Actions to support the SEIs

SEI: Improve the status of implementation of State Safety Programme (SSP) and Safety Management System (SMS) in the MID Region	
Actions	**Champion**
Conduct of Safety Management Training Courses, Symposia and Workshops.	ICAO
Establish the MENA RSOO to support States in the expeditious implementation of SSP.	ACAC/ICAO
Improve the status of implementation of SMS at international aerodromes.	Egypt and Saudi Arabia
Improve the status of implementation of SMS by ANSPs (ATM).	CANSO
Improve the status of implementation of SMS by air operators.	IATA
Improve the status of implementation of SMS by maintenance organizations.	IATA and Boeing
Improve the status of implementation of SMS by training organizations (involved in flight training).	ACAC

SEI: Strengthening of States' Safety Oversight capabilities	
Actions	**Champion**
Conduct USOAP CMA Workshops including cost-recovery.	ICAO
Establish the MENA RSOO to assist States to resolve safety oversight deficiencies and carry out tasks and functions in the area of PEL, OPS, AIR, AGA and ANS.	ACAC/ICAO
Organize Government Safety Inspector (GSI) Courses (OPS, AIR, ANS, AGA).	ICAO
Conduct ICAO missions to States to provide assistance related to the preparation of USOAP-CMA activities.	ICAO
Develop and implement a specific NCLB plan of actions for prioritized States according to established criteria.	ICAO/States/Stakeholders

SEI: Improve Regional Cooperation for the provision of Accident & Incident Investigation	
Actions	**Champion**
Improve the draft version of the Strategy for the establishment of a Middle East RAIO, in order to be presented and reviewed during the Workshop.	UAE in coordination with Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and the ICAO MID Office
Organize the ACAC/ICAO AIG Workshop.	Saudi Arabia
Finalize the Strategy for the establishment of a Middle East RAIO by the ACAC/ICAO AIG Workshop.	States/ACAC/ICAO/Stakeholders
Final endorsement by RASG-MID and the ACAC Executive Council.	ICAO and ACAC
Organize MENASASI 2017 Seminar in Saudi Arabia.	Saudi Arabia
Organize Training related to AIG.	UAE/Saudi Arabia

SEI: Improve implementation of ELP requirements in the MID Region	
Actions	**Champion**
Develop a questionnaire to be used as the basis of a survey to assess the implementation of ELP requirements.	UAE in coordination with the ICAO MID Office
Disseminate the questionnaire to the MID States.	ICAO
Analyse the survey results and agree on next course of actions.	MID-SST in coordination with the ATM SG

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