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**Subject: Ninth Meeting of the MIDANPIRG MET Sub-Group (MET SG/9)
(Virtual Meeting, 7 - 9 December 2020)**

Action required: Reply not later than 25 November 2020

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Ninth Meeting of the Meteorology Sub-Group (MET SG/9) will be held through Video Teleconferencing on 7 – 9 December 2020. Each day Session will be held from **8:00 to 10:00 UTC**. Your Administration/Organization is kindly invited to participate in this virtual meeting

The Provisional Agenda for the meeting and the Terms of Reference (TORs) for the MET SG are at **Attachments A and B**, respectively. Your comments on the attached Provisional Agenda, including any amendment you may wish to suggest, would be appreciated.

This letter, all its relevant attachments and Working/Information Papers and PowerPoint presentations (as they become available), will be posted in PDF format on the ICAO MID website at: www.icao.int/mid.

I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **25 November 2020**, confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization giving the names and contact details of your delegate(s), by submitting the Nomination Form at **Attachment C** to the following email address (icaomid@icao.int). A Zoom or MS Team invitation will be sent to your nominated delegates in due course.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Attachments

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1:** Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and election of Chairperson
- Agenda Item 2:** Follow-up on MIDANPIRG/17 and MSG/7 Conclusions and Decisions relevant to MET
- Agenda Item 3:** Global and Regional Developments
- Agenda Item 4:** MET Planning and Implementation issues
- Performance Framework for MET implementation in the MID Region
 - Review of the implementation of WAFS and SADIS
 - Review of requirements for OPMET data and status of implementation of Regional OPMET Centre (ROC) Jeddah and back-up ROC Bahrain as well as IWXXM implementation
- Agenda Item 5:** Review of air navigation deficiencies in the MET field
- Agenda Item 6:** Future Work Programme
- Agenda Item 7:** Any other Business

METEOROLOGY SUB-GROUP (MET SG)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference of the MET Sub-Group are:

- a) ensure that the implementation of MET in the MID Region is coherent and compatible with developments in adjacent regions, and is in line with the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) methodology and the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy;
- b) monitor the status of implementation of the MID Region MET-related ASBU Modules included in the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy as well as other required MET facilities and services, identify the associated difficulties and deficiencies and provide progress reports, as required;
- c) keep under review the MID Region MET performance objectives/priorities, develop action plans to achieve the agreed performance targets and propose changes to the MID Region MET plans/priorities, through the ANSIG;
- d) seek to achieve common understanding and support from all stakeholders involved in or affected by the MET developments/activities in the MID Region;
- e) provide a platform for harmonization of developments and deployments in the MET domain;
- f) monitor and review the latest MET developments that support Air Navigation and provide expert inputs for the implementation of the Air Navigation Systems related to MET based on ATM operational requirements;
- g) provide regular progress reports to the ANSIG and MIDANPIRG concerning its work programme; and
- h) review periodically its Terms of Reference and propose amendments, as necessary.

In order to meet the Terms of Reference, the MET SG shall:

- a) monitor the status of implementation of the required MET facilities and services in the MID Region;
- b) provide necessary assistance and guidance to States to ensure harmonization and interoperability in line with the GANP, the MID ANP and ASBU methodology;
- c) provide necessary inputs to the MID Air Navigation Strategy through the monitoring of the agreed Key Performance Indicators related to MET;

- d) identify and review those specific deficiencies and problems that constitute major obstacles to the provision of efficient MET services, and recommend necessary remedial actions;
- e) keep under review the adequacy of ICAO SARPs requirements in the area of MET, taking into account, inter alia, changes in user requirements, the evolution of operational requirements and technological developments;
- f) develop proposals for the updating of relevant ICAO documentation related to MET, including the amendment of relevant parts of the MID ANP, as deemed necessary;
- g) monitor and review technical and operating developments in the area of MET and foster their implementation in the MID Region in a harmonized manner;
- h) foster the integrated improvement of MET services through proper training and qualification of the MET personnel; and
- i) liaise with other States providing services and/or serve as inter-regional exchange of meteorological information for international civil aviation (e.g. SADIS (U.K.), VAAC Toulouse (France), TCAC New Delhi (India), Regional OPMET Centre Vienna (Austria)).

Composition

The Sub-Group is composed of:

- a) MIDANPIRG Member States;
- b) World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and other concerned International and Regional Organizations as observers; and
- c) other representatives from provider States and Industry may be invited on ad hoc basis, as observers, when required.
