



## DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION-MIDDLE EAST REGION

### Sixth Meeting (DGCA-MID/6) (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 1-3 November 2022)

#### Agenda Item 2: Review and Follow-up of Action Items arising from the previous Meetings

#### REVIEW AND FOLLOW-UP OF ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

#### SUMMARY

This paper presents the status of the Conclusions of the DGCA-MID/5 meeting held in Kuwait (4-6 November 2019) and the DGCA-MID Virtual Meetings held in 2020 and 2021, as well as the follow-up actions taken.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The DGCA-MID/5 meeting was held in Kuwait, 4-6 November 2019. The meeting developed a total of 8 Conclusions.

1.2 Five DGCA-MID virtual meetings were held in 2020 and 2021 to take necessary actions for the restart and recovery of the air transport system further to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> DGCA-MID virtual meetings endorsed 4, 3 and 2 Conclusions, respectively.

#### 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 This paper provides an update on the status of the DGCA-MID/5 Conclusions, as well as the Conclusions of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> DGCA-MID virtual meetings. It shows also the follow-up actions taken by concerned parties.

2.2 The follow-up action plan on the DGCA-MID/5 Conclusions is at **Appendix A**; and the follow-up action plan on the DGCA-MID virtual meetings Conclusions is at **Appendix B**.

#### 3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the follow-up actions on the DGCA-MID/5 Conclusions and those of the DGCA-MID virtual meetings at **Appendices A** and **B**; and take action as appropriate.

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APPENDIX A

FOLLOW-UP ACTION PLAN ON THE DGCA-MID/5 CONCLUSIONS

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS	TO BE INITIATED BY	DELIVERABLE	TARGET DATE	STATUS/ REMARKS
<p><b>CONC. 5/1: STATE LETTERS ONLINE MONITORING TOOL (SLOMT)</b></p> <p>That:</p> <p>a) States are urged to take necessary measures to enhance the level of timely reply to the ICAO State Letters,</p> <p>b) in order to support States in the process of follow-up and effective provision of replies to the ICAO MID Office State Letters, ICAO develop a State Letter Online Monitoring Tool (SLOMT); and</p> <p>c) States, that have not yet done so, designate Focal Points to support the design, development, testing and implementation of the SLOMT before 31 December 2019.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>States</p> <p>ICAO</p> <p>ICAO/States</p>	<p>Improved level of reply to SLs</p> <p>SLOMT</p> <p>FPs designated</p>	<p>TBD</p> <p>ICAO</p> <p>Dec. 2019</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>Reminders to SL A 7/4- 19-03001 dated 20 June 2019 were sent to States.</p> <p>RFP was issued and 3 proposals received; however, the Project was not pursued due to the fact that the Funds available were not sufficient to go ahead with the project; in addition to the difficulties faced during COVID-19 pandemics. Current situation, there is no budget available for the project.</p>
<p><b>CONC. 5/2: FREQUENCY OF THE MIDANPIRG AND RASG-MID MEETINGS</b></p> <p>That:</p> <p>a) the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID meetings be organized concurrently and on a biennial basis; and</p> <p>b) the outcomes of MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID (and their Steering Group/Committee) be reported to the Council on annual basis.</p>				<p><b>To be closed</b></p> <p>Superseded by the Council Decision to have the PIRGs and RASGs organized on a yearly basis (new TORs of PIRGs and RASGs)</p>

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<p><b>CONC. 5/3: MID FLIGHT PROCEDURE PROGRAMME (MID FPP)</b></p> <p>That:</p> <p>a) the MID FPP be hosted by UAE;</p> <p>b) States, that have not yet done so, are urged to sign the MID FPP Project Document with ICAO;</p> <p>c) till the recruitment of a MID FPP Manager, the ICAO MID Office provide full support to run the programme, in close coordination with the Host State;</p> <p>d) States be invited to designate members to the MID FPP Steering Committee with decision-making authority;</p> <p>e) the first meeting of MID FPP of the Steering Committee be held in Aqaba, Jordan, on 4 and 5 December 2019; and</p> <p>f) States and Stakeholders as well as potential Donors be invited to participate in the First Meeting of the MID FPP Steering Committee.</p>	<p>UAE/ICAO</p> <p>States</p> <p>ICAO/UAE</p> <p>States</p>	<p>MID FPP premises</p> <p>Max Nr. of States to sign the ProDoc</p> <p>Advance the MID FPP work programme</p> <p>Steering Committee Members</p>	<p>TBD</p> <p>Until the recruitment of the Manager</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p><b>Actioned (To be closed)</b></p> <p>The MID FPP manager reported on duty in SZC in Abu Dhabi on 17 May 2022</p> <p>Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria, UAE (Host) and Yemen signed the ProDoc</p> <p>MID FPP Coordination meeting was held in Aqaba on 5 Dec. 2019, back-to-back with the ATM SG/5 meeting</p>
<p><b>CONC. 5/4: AIG REGIONAL COOPERATION MECHANISM (ARCM)</b></p> <p>That, the AIG Regional Cooperation Mechanism (ARCM) at Appendix 5A is endorsed.</p>				<p><b>Completed</b></p>

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<p><b>CONC. 5/5: GUIDANCE FOR THE CALCULATION OF MET CHARGES</b></p> <p>That, ICAO consider the review of the Doc 9082 to provide additional guidance on the calculation/recovery of MET charges, independently from the Airports and Air Navigation charges.</p>	ICAO	Revised version of Doc 9082 with additional guidance on MET charges	TBD	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>(Update from HQ on the subject in WP/21)</p>
<p><b>CONC. 5/6: CHARGES FOR AIRPORTS AND AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES</b></p> <p>That, in order to ensure a balance between the respective interests of airports and ANSPs on one hand and of aircraft operators and end-users on the other, Sates be urged to:</p> <p>a) incorporate the four key charging principles of non-discrimination, cost-relatedness, transparency and consultation with users into their national legislation, regulation or policies, as well as into their future air services agreements, in order to ensure compliance by airport operators and air navigation services providers (ANSPs);</p> <p>b) ensure that airports operators and ANSPs develop and implement appropriate performance management systems that include, inter-alia:</p> <p>i. definition of performance objectives; and</p> <p>ii. consultations with users and other interested parties to discuss investments, charge revisions and performance levels.</p> <p>c) provide the ICAO MID Office by <b>31 March 2020</b> with an update on the National legislation, regulations and policies related to airports and air navigation charges, as well as the mechanism put in place for economic oversight over the airport operators, ANSPs and aircraft operators.</p>	States	<p>ICAO SL</p> <p>States to implement the provisions of the Conclusions</p>		<p><b>Actioned/To be closed</b></p> <p>State Letter File Ref.: ME 5 &amp; AT 2 – 22/100 dated 24 May 2022</p> <p>Only 1 reply was received</p> <p>(Update in WP/21)</p>

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<p><b>CONC. 5/7: MID REGION NCLB STRATEGY (SECOND EDITION)</b></p> <p>That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the MID Region NCLB Strategy (Second Edition) at Appendix 10A is endorsed;</li> <li>b) States and Stakeholders are invited to support the implementation of the MID Region NCLB Strategy; and</li> <li>c) a detailed progress report on the implementation of the MID Region NCLB Strategy be presented to the DGCA-MID/6 meeting.</li> </ul>				<p><b>Actioned (To be closed)</b></p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Progress report will be provided in PPT/26</p>
<p><b>CONC. 5/8: MID REGION AIR TRANSPORT STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 -2035</b></p> <p>That, in order to support the sustainable development of air transport in the MID Region, in line with the Strategic Objectives of ICAO and at the same time supporting the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) States and International Organizations designate Focal Points to support the ICAO MID Office in the drafting of the MID Region Air Transport Strategic Plan 2020 -2035; and</li> <li>b) the Draft MID Region Air Transport Strategic Plan 2020 -2035 be presented to the DGCA-MID/6 meeting for review and fine-tuning before presentation to a Ministerial Conference for endorsement.</li> </ul>				<p><b>Actioned</b></p> <p>SL ME 5-20/120 dated 31 March 2020</p> <p>Few States and Intl ORGs have designated their FPs</p> <p>This task was put on hold due to the COVID-19 crisis.</p>

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**APPENDIX B**

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION PLAN ON THE VIRTUAL DGCA-MID CONCLUSIONS**

CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS	TO BE INITIATED BY	DELIVERABLE	TARGET DATE	STATUS/ REMARKS
<p><b>VIRTUAL DGCA-MID CONCLUSION 3/1 – CART II AND TOGD</b></p> <p>That, MID States are urged to implement the guidance contained in the ICAO CART II (including the High Level Cover Document), the TOGD (2nd Edition), and the ICAO Testing and Cross-Border Risk Management Measures Manual (ICAO Doc.10152).</p>	States	Status of implementation on CRRIC	TBD	<p><b>Actioned (To be closed)</b></p> <p>Continuous follow-up with States</p>
<p><b>VIRTUAL DGCA-MID CONCLUSION 3/2 – MID CART IMPLEMENTATION PLAN</b></p> <p>That, the MID CART Implementation Plan at Appendix A is endorsed</p>	DGCA-MID	MID CART Implementation Plan	7 Dec. 2020	<b>Completed</b>
<p><b>VIRTUAL DGCA-MID CONCLUSION 3/3 – ACTIONS ON CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p>That, the ICAO and all stakeholders to continue pursuing capacity building activities to support States and industry in the management of COVID-19</p>	ICAO and all stakeholders	Capacity building activities	TBD	<p><b>Completed</b></p> <p>Many Capacity-building activities (Webinars, Workshops, Training Courses, iPacks, etc) have been implemented to provide necessary support to States</p>
<p><b>VIRTUAL DGCA-MID CONCLUSION 3/4 – COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT WEBINAR</b></p> <p>That, ICAO, jointly with AACO, ACAO, ACI and IATA organize a webinar on COVID-19 Economic impact by Q2-2021.</p>	ICAO	Webinar on COVID-19 Economic impact	Q2-2021	<p><b>Completed</b></p> <p>The Webinar was successfully held from 5 to 6 April 2021</p>
<p><b>VIRTUAL DGCA-MID CONCLUSION 4/1 –MID RPTF TORs</b></p> <p>That, the MID RPTF TORs be updated as at Appendix A.</p>	DGCA-MID	Updated MID RPTF TORs	3 Jun. 2021	<b>Completed</b>

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<p><b>VIRTUAL DGCA-MID CONCLUSION 4/2 – WEBINAR ON ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON AVIATION</b></p> <p>That, States and stakeholders are encouraged to implement the Recommendations emanating from the Webinar on Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Aviation at Appendix B.</p>	States and stakeholders	Recommendations of the Webinar on Economic Impact of COVID-19	TBD	<p><b>Actioned (To be closed)</b></p> <p>Continuous follow-up with States</p>
<p><b>VIRTUAL DGCA-MID CONCLUSION 4/3 – REGIONAL APPROACH TO THE NORMALIZATION OF AIR TRANSPORT</b></p> <p>That, the Statement on National and Regional Approach to Aviation in addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic at Appendix C is endorsed</p>	DGCA-MID	Statement on National and Regional Approach to Aviation in addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic	3 Jun. 2021	<b>Completed</b>
<p><b>VIRTUAL DGCA-MID CONCLUSION 5/1 – MENA AIG REGIONAL COOPERATION MECHANISM (MENA ARCM) MOU</b></p> <p><i>That,</i></p> <p><i>a) the MENA AIG Regional Cooperation Mechanism (MENA ARCM) MoU, in both languages English and Arabic, is endorsed as at Appendices A and B, respectively;</i></p> <p><i>b) the MENA ARCM MoU be circulated to the MENA States by ICAO MID Office and ACAO for signature; and</i></p> <p><i>c) each MENA ARCM Member State nominate an AIG Expert to support the MENA ARCM Committee.</i></p>	<p>DGCA-MID</p> <p>ICAO</p> <p>MENA ARCM Member States</p>	<i>MENA ARCM MoU</i>	21-22 Sep. 2021	<b>Completed</b>

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<p><b>VIRTUAL DGCA-MID CONCLUSION 5/2 – REVISED MID CART IMPLEMENTATION PLAN</b></p> <p>That, the revised MID CART Implementation Plan at Appendix C is endorsed</p>	<p>DGCA-MID</p>	<p>Revised MID CART Implementation Plan</p>	<p>21-22 Sep. 2021</p>	<p><b>Completed</b></p>

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