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MIDANPIRG Air Traffic Flow Management Task Force

Eighth Meeting (ATFM TF/8)
(Virtual, 31 October – 1 November 2023)

Agenda Item 2: Regional Framework

MID ATFM ACTIVITIES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the progress of the MID ATFM activities.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- MIDANPIRG/20 and RASG-MID/10 Meetings Report (Muscat, Oman, 14 – 17 May 2023)
- ATFM TF/7 and FWC2022 TF/8 Meetings (Doha, Qatar, 8 – 9 February 2023)
- ATFM Workshop (Doha, Qatar, 6 – 7 February 2023)

1. ACTIVITIES

1.1 It was reiterated that the FWC2022 event was a good opportunity for collaborative decision-making and information sharing, and considered a success for the whole Region and would be very beneficial for the future ATFM implementation in the Region according to the MID Doc 014 developed by the MID ATFM TF members.

1.2 Additionally, it was noted with appreciation the offers received for sharing the experience; from QCAA related to the provision of support to the States in ATFM, including support in documentation (regulation and operations manual) and initial training and setup of ATFM unit and OJT training. Also, it was noted with appreciation, the offer received from UAE for benchmarking of the different tools implemented within Sheikh Zayed Air Navigation Centre (SZC), to support ATC workload, thus, enhance Airspace capacity.

1.3 The MIDANPIRG/20 meeting reviewed the outcomes of the MID ATFM TF/7 meeting and agreed on the following actions to foster the ATFM implementation:

- Reference to the MID ATFM Plan (Doc 014), The timeline for implementation of Phase IA implementation is agreed to be 31 December 2023, States were encouraged to use the information presented in the Workshop to support the implementation of Phase IA, and report progress or challenges to the next TF meeting.
- The ATFM TF was encouraged to develop and circulate a new survey, including the activities of Phase IA of the MID ATFM Implementation Plan, to the MID States to enable the TF to monitor the actual level of implementation and provide the necessary support, as required.

1.4 Based on the above, it was agreed that the Secretariat, supported by the Chairperson, will develop and distribute the ATFM implementation survey 2023 (State Letter Ref.: ME 3/2.1.1 – 23/193 dated 12 September 2023). The results will be consolidated (WP/4 refers) and will be presented to the ATM SG/9 Meeting (Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, 14 – 16 November 2023).

1.5 Experience sharing by MID States continues to be a key factor for addressing the common challenges and will further support the implementation in the Region. Presentations on the status of implementation and methodologies are presented in PPTs/5.

1.6 The meeting highlighted that the purpose of the ATFM implantation is to reduce the operational losses, and enhance the environmental impact and emissions, by implementing ATFM measures including the GDP; however, the following points should be considered:

- I. ATFM aims to utilize the maximum capacity and balance demand, it does not increase capacity.
- II. States / ANSPs to be urged to prioritize Capacity enhancements projects in terms of systems, airspace restructure, ATC sectorization and manpower management prior to implementing ATFM measures.
- III. ATFM development projects in the MID Region should be subject to the guidance and support of the MID ATFM Task Force and the agreed regional concept of operations in ICAO MID Doc 014.
- IV. ATFM implementation projects should be subject to prior consultation with the adjacent States to ensure capability readiness and ability to comply with the requirements.