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**MIDANPIRG Air Traffic Management Sub-Group**

**Ninth Meeting (ATM SG/9)**

*(Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, 14 – 16 November 2023)*

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**Agenda Item 4: Planning and Implementation issues related to ATM/SAR**

**PROGRESS REPORT ON C-DEC 225/10 IMPLEMENTATION OF DOHA FIR/SRR**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

**SUMMARY**

This Working Paper presents the progress made regarding the implementation of C-DEC225/10: Establishment of Doha FIR/SRR.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**REFERENCE(S)**

- C-DEC 225/10 Implementation of Doha FIR/SRR
- MIDANPIRG/20 & RASG-MID/10 Meeting (Muscat, Oman, 14 – 17 May 2023) Report
- Outcomes of the Multilateral Group Meetings

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The meeting may wish to recall the C-DEC225/10 (11 March 2022) related to the implementation of Doha FIR/SRR in two phases.

1.2 The meeting may wish to recall the presentation made by Qatar Civil Aviation Authority (QCAA) on the plans to split the implementation of Phase 1 in further phased approach to ensure the smooth and safe transition of operations. And the preparations of the services implementation and manpower made available within the newly established Doha ACC unit.

1.3 The meeting may wish to recall the discussion during the last MIDANPIRG/20 meeting, in particular the MIDANPIRG Conclusions 20/14 and 20/16:

*MIDANPIRG CONCLUSION 20/14: PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT TO THE MID  
EANP VOLUME II TO INCLUDE  
INFORMATION RELATED TO QATAR  
FACILITIES AND SERVICES*

*That, the ICAO MID Office process the Draft Proposal for Amendment to the MID  
eANP Vol II, at Appendix 6.1B, in accordance with standard procedure.*

And

*MIDANPIRG CONCLUSION 20/16: IMPLEMENTATION OF C-DEC225:  
ESTABLISHMENT OF DOHA FOR/SRR*

*That,*

- a) the ICAO MID Office to monitor the implementation of the C-DEC225/10 and facilitate coordination between the States concerned, as required;*
- b) States to carry out bilateral and multilateral coordination to finalize the operational and technical requirements, including the necessary letters of agreement;*
- c) MIDRMA to conduct a safety Monitoring assessment for the RVSM airspace within Bahrain and Doha FIRs, highlighting bottlenecks, hotspots and areas of traffic congestion;*
- d) Qatar to provide inputs for the development of the required proposal(s) for amendment to the MID ANP;*
- e) States and other Stakeholders to provide implementation feedback and comments to the MID Office on a quarterly basis for review by the ATM SG; and*
- f) the ATM SG to agree on necessary measures for the conduct of the technical study necessary to support the decision-making for the implementation of Phase 2 and develop a roadmap for the implementation of phase 2 to be presented to MIDANPIRG for endorsement.*

## **2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The meeting may wish to note that the MID Office saved no effort to support the implementation of the C-DEC 225/10. The MID RD is continuously communicating with the DGs and the Ministers of the concerned States, emphasizing the need to implement the C-DEC 225/10 in a collaborative, harmonized and safe manner.

2.2 The meeting may wish to note that the MID Office is working closely with Qatar CAA on the related Proposal for Amendment to the MID eANP (Doc 9708) to include information related to Qatar Facilities and Services.

2.3 The meeting may wish to note that the multilateral coordination group established from the relevant States (Bahrain, Iran, Saudi Arabia and UAE and from Qatar) has met several times to harmonize the plans and to addressing the technical and operational matters. Including (but not limited to) the organization of the coordination meeting in Abu Dhabi on 29 – 31 August 2022 (hosted by GCAA, UAE) to agree on the transition plan for Phase 1A.

2.4 The MID Office organized additional several meetings to address the subject and agree on further implementation plans. Through the discussion during the bilateral coordination meetings, the ATM teams from the States and the MID Office managed to put in place operational measures to ensure the safe and efficient conduct of flight and smooth transfer of traffic between ATC.

2.5 Accordingly, Phase 1A has been implemented on 6 October 2022 in adherence to the AIRAC Cycle calendar, after a transition period and in close coordination with the relevant States.

2.6 Phase 1B (complete Phase 1) has been implemented on 23 March 2023.

2.7 The meeting may wish to recall that the MID Office was tasked to develop and share a feedback form to collect information and feedback from relevant States and stakeholders to ensure that Phase 1 has been implemented successfully and assess the readiness to start the planning for the implementation of Phase 2.

2.8 The meeting may wish to note that the first cycle of the Feedback Form has been circulated to the MID states and Airspace Users/IATA (State Letter Ref.: AN 6/5.1.16 – 23/123 dated 6 June 2023).

2.9 The MID Office received replies from the 5 States and Airspace Users/IATA; the comments were reviewed by the multilateral group and were forwarded to the relevant State, for further necessary actions, if required. Additionally, it was agreed that the operational and safety teams from Bahrain and Qatar will meet on regular basis to address any operational issue and/or safety occurrence.

2.10 Furthermore, the second Cycle of the Feedback form was circulated (State Letter File Ref.: AN 6/5.1.16 – 23/232 dated 18 October 2023), the MID Office is still receiving comments and will organize a coordination meeting accordingly.

2.11 The meeting may wish to recall the discussion during the MIDRMA Board/19 meeting (Manama, Bahrain, 10 – 11 October 2023); in particular the list of requirements to be provided to the MIDRMA to support the development of the RVSM Airspace Assessment.

2.12 The updated progress will be presented to the MIDANPIRG/21 meeting, planned in Q1/2024 (Hosted by GCAA, UAE; Abu Dhabi, UAE).

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the progress made for the implementation of C-DEC225/10;
- b) support the activities of the multilateral group, and
- c) request the Multilateral group to provide progress to the MIDANPIRG/21.