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**Seventh Meeting of the Aerodrome Safety, Planning & Implementation Group
(ASPIG/7) (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 6-10 April 2025)**

Agenda Item 2: Regional Performance Framework for Aerodrome Safety

**FOLLOW-UP ON ENDORSED CONCLUSIONS
RELATED TO AERODROME SAFETY**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper provides an update on the follow-up actions taken in response to the endorsed Conclusions related to Aerodrome Safety, including those approved by the PIRG-RASG during previous MIDANPIRG-RASG meetings.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- ASPIG Reports
- RSC/7 Report
- MIDANPIRG19-RASG9 and MIDANPIRG21-RASG11 Reports
- Annex 14, Volume I - Aerodrome Design and Operations
- Doc 9981, PANS Aerodromes

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) are encouraged to develop national safety initiatives aimed at improving aerodrome safety, including the establishment of oversight mechanisms to monitor the safety performance of airport operators. The Aerodrome Certification process is essential to ensure compliance with ICAO Standards and national regulatory frameworks.

1.2 Runway safety remains a high priority. Accordingly, CAAs are urged to implement Runway Safety Programmes to proactively address operational and design-related issues. The establishment of Local Runway Safety Teams is a key measure to strengthen runway safety at the operational level.

1.3 Runway excursions continue to be the most significant risk to runway safety, frequently caused by runway surface contamination. To address this, ICAO recommends the implementation of the Global Reporting Format (GRF) methodology, which enables accurate assessment and reporting of runway surface conditions to support safe take-off and landing operations.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to recall that the Sixth meeting of the Aerodrome Safety & Planning Implementation Group (ASPIG/6) was gracefully hosted by Oman in Muscat from 27 to 29 May 2024. The meeting was attended in person by a total of 35 participants from 10 MID States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and UAE) and 3 International Organizations (ACI, IATA, and IFALPA).

2.2 The meeting may wish to recall that the ASPIG/6 Meeting reviewed the progress made by MID States in implementing the Conclusions related to Aerodrome Safety as endorsed by the following meetings: RSC/7, MIDANPIRG/18 & RASG-MID/8, and MIDANPIRG/21 & RASG-MID/11. Areas of focus included:

Aerodrome Certification:

RSC CONCLUSION 7/5: SURVEY ON BASIC REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR AERODROME CERTIFICATION

That, by May 2020, a Survey on Basic Regulatory Framework for Aerodrome Certification in the MID Region be carried out using the Template at Appendix 3E.

RSC CONCLUSION 7/6: AERODROME CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

That, States provide the ICAO MID Office, by May 2020 with:

- a) the status of implementation of the Basic Regulatory Framework for aerodrome certification using the Table 1 of Appendix 3E; and*
- b) their progress/plan for Aerodrome Certification Implementation using the Template at Appendix 3F.*

Runway Safety Team Implementation Plans:

RSC CONCLUSION 7/9: RUNWAY SAFETY TEAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

That, States be urged to provide the ICAO MID Office by May 2020 with a Runway Safety Team Implementation Progress/Plan, using the Template at Appendix 3G.

Global Reporting Format Implementation Plans:

PIRG/RASG MID CONCLUSION 2: MID REGION GRF IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

That, States be urged to:

- a) nominate a National GRF implementation Focal Point to coordinate the implementation activities at the National level;*
- b) provide the ICAO MID Office with the contact details of their nominated GRF Focal Points by end of February 2021; and*
- c) provide regular progress reports/updates on the subject to the ICAO MID Office using the MID Region GRF Implementation Plan Template/Milestones at Appendix 3.2C.*

Anonymous Dataset Collection for Aerodromes Safety:

RASG-MID CONCLUSION 11/8: ANONYMOUS DATASET COLLECTION FOR AERODROMES SAFETY

That, in order to promote safety and improve the effectiveness of the corrective action process at the regional level, MID States and concerned Stakeholders are urged to:

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- a) *endorse the Template listing of Minimum Reporting Areas of non-compliance to be reported, as presented at Appendix 4K, to ICAO MID Office for consolidation and follow-up actions, and*
- b) *nominate a Main/National Focal Point responsible for the anonymous communication of these datasets using the Template.*

2.3 The details related to the endorsed Conclusions on Aerodrome Safety are at **Appendix A**.

2.4 The meeting may also recall that MIDANPIRG/19 and RASG-MID/9, held in Riyadh from 14 to 17 February 2022, endorsed two joint Conclusions presented in **Appendix B**.

2.5 The meeting may wish to note that to enhance communication and track implementation progress, the ASPIG/6 Meeting agreed on updating the format of these Conclusions to align with newly developed reporting templates, which will be introduced under a separate working paper.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to take note of the follow-up on the endorsed Conclusions and Decisions related to Aerodrome Safety and take appropriate action, accordingly.

Conclusion ID #	conclusions and decisions	Why: concerns/challenges/rationale	deliverables		When: Deadline	Last Revised Deadline	Drafted by	Endorsed by	status	Date of completion	Actions required by the State	States that didn't reply/take action yet	Remarks
			What: Item(s)	Who: responsible									
SAFETY													
RSC C 7/5	Survey on Basic Regulatory Framework FOR Aerodrome Certification								Ongoing				
	That, by May 2020, a Survey on Basic Regulatory Framework for Aerodrome Certification in the MID Region be carried out using the Template at Appendix 3E .	Assurance of the establishment of the necessary Regulatory Framework for Aerodromes Certification by States.	Survey on Basic Regulatory Framework for Aerodrome Certification	States	May-20	15-Aug-21	ASPIG/1	RSC/7			Provide State's Regulatory Framework for Aerodrome Certification	Yemen	(Revised Date due to the Pandemic Crisis the deadline has been extended to 2021)
RSC C 7/6	Aerodrome Certification Implementation Progress								Ongoing				
	That, States provide the ICAO MID Office, by May 2020 with: a) the status of implementation of the Basic Regulatory Framework for aerodrome certification using the Table 1 of Appendix 3E ; and b) their progress/plan for Aerodrome Certification Implementation using the Template at Appendix 3F .	Development of a detailed Aerodrome Certification Implementation Progress/Plan	Progress/Plans on the Aerodrome Certification implementation	States	May-20	15-Aug-21	ASPIG/1	RSC/7			Provide State's Implementation Plans for Aerodromes certification	Yemen	(Due to the Pandemic Crisis the deadline has been extended to 2021)
RSC C 7/7	Regional Seminar on Global Reporting Format (GRF)								Completed				
	That, a) a Regional Seminar on Global Reporting Format (GRF) be organized by the ICAO MID Office during the first quarter of 2020; and b) States (CAAs, Airports Operators, ANSPs, Airlines, etc.) and International Organizations are invited to actively participate in this Seminar.	Foster the implementation of the runway condition assessment new methodology in the MID Region: The Global Reporting Format (GRF)	GRF Regional Seminar	ICAO	Q1 of 2020	27-Oct-20	ASPIG/1	RSC/7		27-Oct-20	Participation to the event		(Revised Date: Due to the Pandemic) Replaced by a Regional Webinar conducted on 27 Oct 20
RSC C 7/8	Global Reporting Format (GRF) Implementation and Deployment at Aerodromes								Been replaced and superseded				
	That, States: a) be requested to report on the implementation of the GRF to the ICAO MID Regional Office by July 2020; b) be encouraged to organize at National Level Seminars, Workshops, trainings, etc. related to GRF; and c) ensure full deployment of GRF at their airports.	Effective implementation of the GRF methodology and its deployment at the MID Region Airports	Status report of the GRF implementation and deployment at Airports	States	Jul-20	30-Jul-20	ASPIG/1	RSC/7			Provide Status Report for GRF implementation	All States	Revised and superseded by ASPIG-BASG C 1/2
PIRG-BASG C 1/2	MID REGION GRF IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN								Ongoing				
	That, States be urged to: a) nominate a National GRF Implementation Focal Point to coordinate the implementation activities at the National level; b) provide the ICAO MID Office with the contact details of their nominated GRF Focal Points by end of February 2021; and c) provide regular progress reports/updates on the subject to the ICAO MID Office using the MID Region GRF Implementation Plan Template/Milestones at Appendix 3.2.C .	Effective Implementation of the GRF methodology and its deployment at the MID Region Airports	States' GRF Implementation Plans	States	May-20	29-Jul-21	ASPIG/2	MIDANPIG/18 BASG/8			Provide State's GRF Implementation Plans		
RSC C 7/9	Runway Safety Team Implementation Plan								Ongoing				
	That, States be urged to provide the ICAO MID Office by May 2020 with a Runway Safety Team Implementation Progress/Plan, using the Template at Appendix 3G .	Development of a detailed RSTs Implementation Progress/Plan including the GRF Deployment at Airports	Progress/Plans on RSTs Implementation including the GRF Deployment at Airports	States	May-20	15-Aug-21	ASPIG/2	RSC/7			Provide State's RST Implementation Plans	Yemen	(Due to the Pandemic Crisis the deadline has been extended to 2021)
PIRG-BASG C 2/1	HLCC RECOMMENDATIONS								Ongoing				
	That, States: a) be encouraged to support and implement the HLCC recommendations; and b) actively participate and support the BASG-MID and its subsidiary groups meeting/activities.	Implementation of the HLCC recommendations	HLCC recommendations implemented	States	Continuous		NIL	MIDANPIG/19 BASG/9			Endorsed		
PIRG-BASG C 2/2	NATIONAL OLS IMPLEMENTATION FOCAL POINT								Ongoing				
	That, States be urged to nominate a National OLS implementation Focal Point to coordinate the OLS implementation activities at the National level.	Improvement of the effectiveness of the corrective action process for Aerodromes design and Operations at the regional level	State OLS Focal Points	States	Dec-24		NIL	MIDANPIG/19 BASG/9			Endorsed		
BASG-MID C11/8	ANONYMOUS DATASET COLLECTION FOR AERODROMES SAFETY								Completed				
	That, in order to promote safety and improve the effectiveness of the corrective action process at the regional level, MID States and concerned Stakeholders are urged to: a) endorse the Template listing of Minimum Reporting Areas of non-compliance to be reported, as presented at Appendix 4E to ICAO MID Office for consideration and follow-up actions; and b) nominate a Main/National Focal Point responsible for the anonymous communication of these datasets using the Template.	Improvement of the effectiveness of the corrective action process for Aerodromes design and Operations at the regional level	# Lists of Minimum Reporting Areas of non-compliance # State Focal Points	States	Mar-24		ASPIG/5	MIDANPIG/21 BASG/11			Endorsed		Template Endorsed States Focal Points contact details to be collected

FOLLOW-UP ACTION PLAN ON PIRG/RASG MID CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

No.	CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS	CONCERNS/ CHALLENGES (RATIONALE)	DELIVERABLE/ TO BE INITIATED BY		TARGET DATE	STATUS/REMARKS
C. 1	HLCC RECOMMENDATIONS That, States: a) be encouraged to support and implement the HLCC recommendations; and b) actively participate and support the RASG-MID and its subsidiary groups meetings/activities.	To address the challenges caused by COVID-19	Implement the HLCC recommendations	States		Ongoing
C. 2	NATIONAL OLS IMPLEMENTATION FOCAL POINT That, States be urged too nominate a National OLS Implementation Focal Point to coordinate the OLS implementation activities at the National level.	to proactively prepare the States for the upcoming change impacting the OLS design and subsequent effect on Aerodrome/Aircrafts Operations	List of States OLS Focal Points	States	Q4 2024	Ongoing

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