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**REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF
MIDANPIRG RVSM TASK FORCE
(MID RVSM TF/6)**

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PART I HISTORY OF THE MEETING

1. PLACE AND DURATION

1.1 The Sixth Meeting of MIDANPIRG Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum Task Force (RVSM TF/6) was held at the conference room of the Hilton Hotel, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE), 14-17 October 2002. The meeting was preceded by the Second MID RVSM Seminar which was held at the same location 12-13 October 2002. Both the Seminar and the Task Force were hosted by the UAE.

2. OPENING

2.1 Mr. M. R. Khonji, the Deputy Regional Director of the ICAO Middle East Office, Cairo, welcomed the delegates to the meeting and thanked the GCAA of UAE for hosting this Task Force Meeting and for the excellent spirit of cooperation and support which has always prevailed between the UAE and the ICAO MID Regional Office. Mr. Khonji pointed out that the implementation of the revised route network on 28 November 2002, which has been developed within the framework of the ATS/AIS/SAR Sub-Group, the RNP/RNAV Task Force and the EMARSSH meetings will pave the way for the safe implementation of RVSM in the Region. He also urged the Task Force to expedite outstanding issues so as to assist States in a timely manner, in the implementation process. He also thanked other States and organizations from outside the region which are dedicating their efforts in assisting the MID Region at this critical phase of the implementation process, in particular, Mr. Joe Sultana, from Eurocontrol, who is the programme manager for the implementation of RVSM in Europe.

2.2 Mr Sabri Said Al-Busaidy the Chairman of the RVSM Task Force, in his opening remarks, raised concern over the status of preparedness of some States and stressed the importance of taking the necessary steps to ensure that all requirements are met in accordance with our implementation strategy and plan, so as meet the target date of 27 November 2003.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 The meeting was attended by a total of 52 participants from 13 States (Bahrain, Egypt, I.R. Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and Yemen) and three Organizations (ARINC, Eurocontrol and IATA). The list of participants is at **Appendix G**.

4. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

4.1 The meeting was Chaired by Mr. Sabri Said Al-Busaidy of Oman. Mr. D. Ramdoyal, Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management from the ICAO Middle East Office was Secretary of the meeting assisted by the Rapporteurs of the three work groups; Mr. Riis Johansen of the UAE (SAM/WG), Mr. Mohammed Abdullah Zainal of Bahrain (ATC/WG) and Mr. Ibrahim Negm of Egypt (OPS/AIR/WG). The meeting was also supported by Mr. M. R. Khonji, Deputy Regional Director, ICAO Middle East Office.

5. LANGUAGE

5.1 The discussions were conducted in English. Documentation was issued in English.

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6. AGENDA

6.1 The following Agenda was adopted:

- 1) Election of a Rapporteur for the ATC Work Group.
- 2) Review Status of Conclusions and Decisions from MIDANPIRG/7 meeting relating to RVSM and the Fourth meeting of the RVSM Task Force.
- 3) Safety and airspace monitoring aspects (SAM/WG)
- 4) ATC operations aspects (ATC/WG)
- 5) Aircraft Operations and Airworthiness aspects (OPS/AIR/WG)
- 6) Any other business

7. CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS - DEFINITION

7.1 All MIDANPIRG Sub-Groups and Task Forces record their actions in the form of Conclusions and Decisions with the following significance:

- a) **Conclusions**
terms of reference, merit directly the attention of States on which further action will be initiated by ICAO in accordance with established procedures; and
- b) **Decisions** deal with matters of concern only to the MIDANPIRG and its contributory bodies

8. LIST OF CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

CONCLUSION 6/1: 2ND TRAFFIC SAMPLE
CONCLUSION 6/2: NATIONAL SAFETY PLANS
CONCLUSION 6/3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DUAL ROUTES
CONCLUSION 6/4: ROUTE STRUCTURE- MEDITERANNEAN INTERFACE
CONCLUSION 6/5: COORDINATION PROBLEMS OVER THE RED SEA AREA
CONCLUSION 6/6: ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT RVSM MANUAL FOR REGIONAL APPLICATION
CONCLUSION 6/7: DRAFT OPERATIONS/AIRWORTHINESS APPROVAL MANUAL FOR MID REGION
CONCLUSION 6/8: DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL OPERATIONAL AND AIRWORTHINESS APPROVAL DOCUMENTS
