



International Civil Aviation Organization

MIDANPIRG/17 and RASG-MID/7 Meeting

(Cairo, Egypt, 15 – 18 April 2019)

Agenda Item 5.1: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

RASG-MID WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents proposed amendment to the RASG-MID working arrangements and Organizational Structure as well as changes to the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- MRC/4 Report
- RASG-MID Procedural Handbook
- RSC/6 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

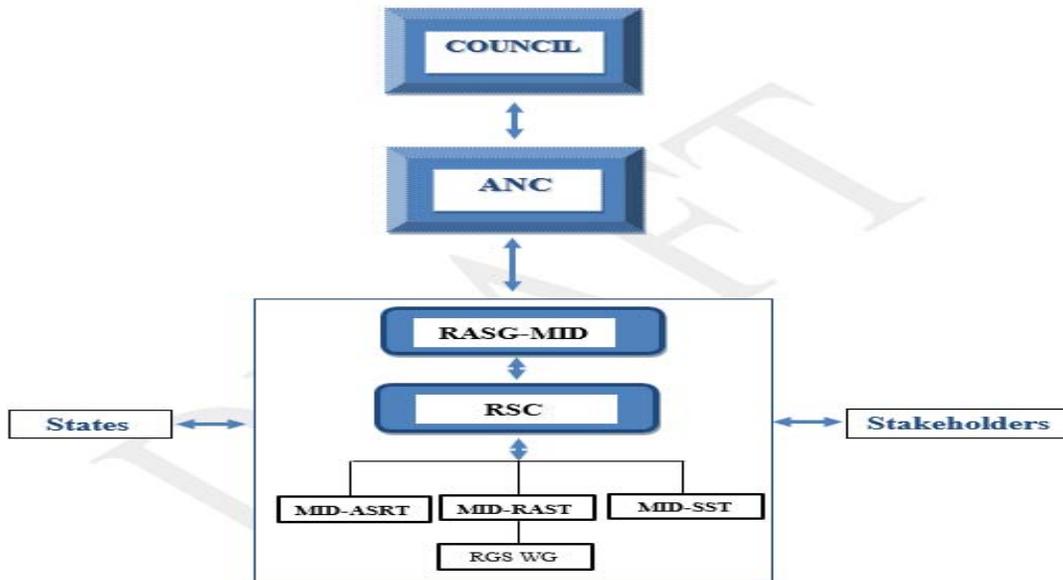
1.1 Since the establishment of the RASG-MID in 2011 following the ICAO Council directive and the DGCA-MID/1 meeting, the Organizational Structure of the RASG-MID has undergone some modifications to cope with the global developments and regional specific needs and objectives. RASG-MID consists of three Teams: the Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT) including the RGS-WG, the Regional Aviation Safety Team (RAST) and the Safety Support Team (SST).

1.2 The RASG-MID Procedural Handbook provides a consolidation of material, particularly of a procedural nature, about the work of the RASG-MID. It contains the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Group, the working arrangements and other internal procedures and practices governing the conduct of business.

2. DISCUSSION

RASG-MID Organizational Structure

2.1 The last amendment of the Organizational Structure was endorsed by the RASG-MID/6 meeting, which is included in the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook, as follows:



2.2 Based on the feedback and proposals received from different Teams and Stakeholders, the following amendments are proposed for the RASG-MID working arrangements and Organizational Structure:

- replace “Team” by “Group”;
- for harmonization purpose, all Groups will have a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson to be elected;
- the Annual Safety Report Group (ASRG) should resume the responsibilities according to the established ToR of the MID-ASRT;
- considering the limited support provided to the MID-RAST and the slow progress in achieving its objectives to develop/implement mitigation measures for the Focus Areas and Emerging Risks; and in order to take advantage of the expertise supporting the MID-SST, it is proposed that the two bodies be merged into one Group: Safety Enhancement Implementation Group (SEIG);
- considering the importance and the volume of work of the RGS WG, which was established under the MID-RAST, it is proposed that a dedicated Group related to Aerodromes Safety, Planning and Implementation (ASPIG) be established; and
- according to the outcome of and proposals from MID –SST to establish a dedicated Group for Accident and Incident Investigation, it is proposed to establish a dedicated Group for Accident and Incident Investigation (AIIG).

2.3 The proposed Organizational Structure of the RSG-MID is at **Appendix A**.

2.4 Once the new Organizational Structure is endorsed by the RASG-MID/7, it should be included in the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook. The ToR for each Group will be developed for review and endorsement by the RSC/7 meeting on behalf of the RASG-MID. A new Edition of the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook reflecting the revised Organizational Structure, TORs and agreed working arrangements will also be presented to the RSC/7 meeting for final review and endorsement.

RASG-MID Procedural Handbook

2.5 The Fourth meeting of the MIDANPIRG/RASG-MID Coordination (MRC/4) meeting (Bahrain, 25 September 2017) agreed that, in many cases, there is a need for an expeditious decision-making process (fast track, approval by passing, etc). It was further agreed that the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID should agree on such procedure and include it in their Procedural Handbooks.

2.6 In addition, the current version of the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook does not contain the Terms of Reference of the RASG-MID Teams (MID-ASRT, MID-RAST, and MID-SST). For easy of reference and monitoring, it is proposed that the Terms of References for the RASG-MID subsidiary bodies be included in the Procedural Handbook.

2.7 As a follow-up to the MRC/4 meeting agreement on the development of a Fast Track/ approval by passing procedure, the RSC/6 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 25 - 27 June 2018) agreed to include the following paragraph related to fast track/approval by passing procedure in the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook:

“In case an urgent follow-up action on an outcome from a RASG-MID subsidiary body is identified/needed, the ICAO MID Office may coordinate with the Chairperson(s) the approval by passing of the corresponding outcome, without waiting for the RASG-MID or RSC approval.”

Chairmanship of the RASG-MID and Subsidiary Bodies

2.8 The updated list of the RASG-MID and Subsidiary Bodies Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons (as appropriate) is at **Appendix B**.

2.9 The meeting may wish to note that:

- Mrs. Suha Daher, Commissioner, Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC), Jordan, has left CARC and will not be able to resume the position of the RSC Co-Chair;
- Ms. Rose Al Osta, Manager, Safety & Flight Operations Africa & Middle East, IATA indicated that she is no longer able to assume the function of ASRT Rapporteur. Due to the low level of attendance/participation, the meeting elected Mr. Suliman Ali Elmesallati, Standards & Regulations Manager, Libya Civil Aviation Authority as a provisional Rapporteur to chair the MID-ASRT/3 meeting. The election of the MID-ASRT Rapporteur will be included in the agenda of the MID-ASRT/4 meeting; and
- Mr. Ismaeil Mohammed Al Hosani, Assistant Director General Air Accident Investigation, General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), UAE has retired from GCAA and will not continue to be the SST Rapporteur. The MID-SST/5 meeting elected Mr. Abdulelah Othman Felemban, Director General, Aviation Investigation Bureau (AIB) from Saudi Arabia as the new SST Rapporteur.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited

- a) to review and amend, as deemed necessary, the proposed RASG-MID Organizational Structure at **Appendix A**;
- b) note the current status of the Chairmanship of the RASG-MID and Subsidiary Bodies and take actions, as appropriate; and
- c) endorse the following Draft Decision:

Why	To improve the RASG-MID working arrangements
What	Revised RASG-MID Organizational Structure and Procedural Handbook
Who	RASG-MID & RSC/7
When	April 2019/Q1-2020

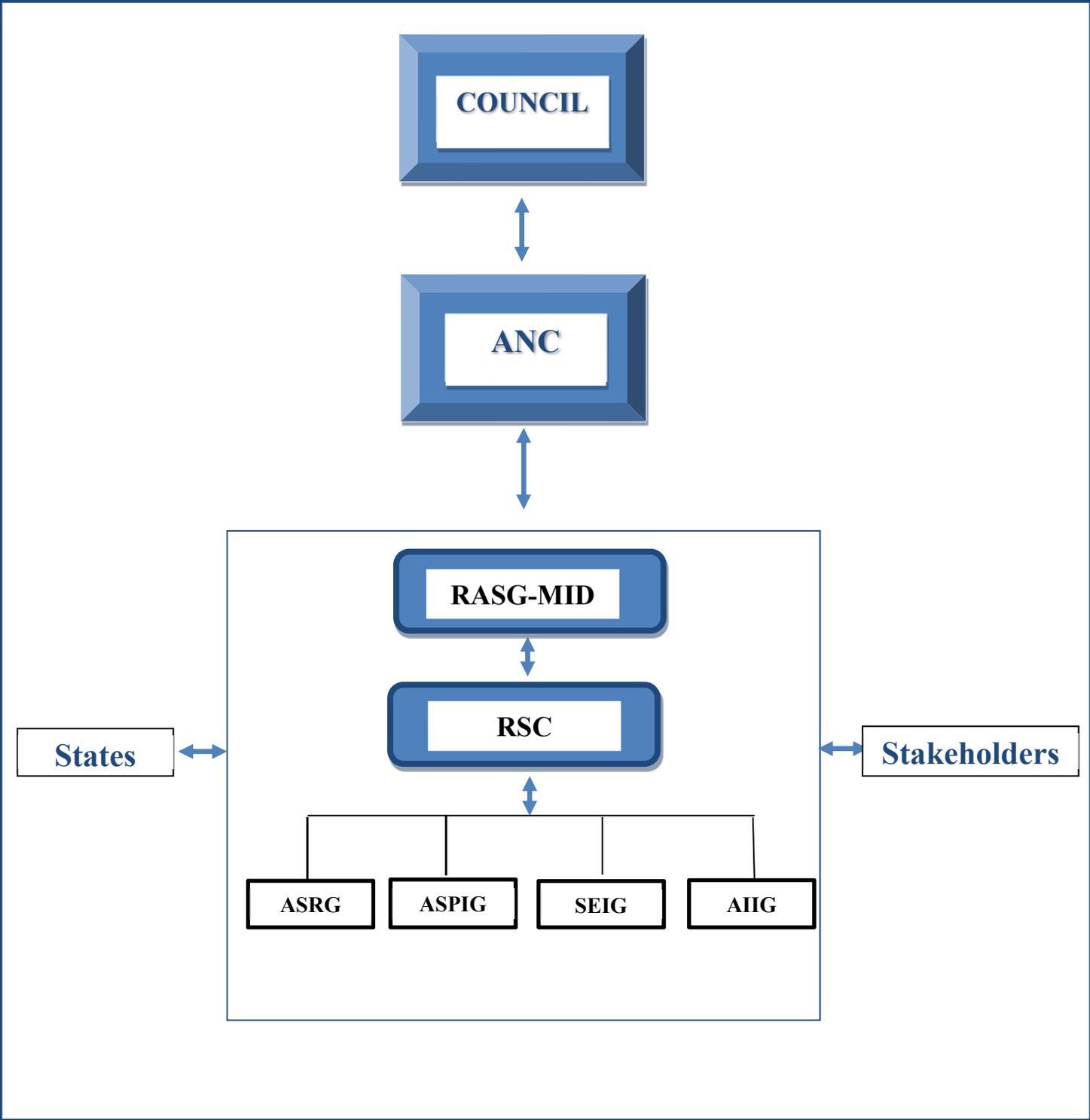
DRAFT RASG-MID DECISION 7/XX: REVISED RASG-MID ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

That,

- a) the revised RASG-MID Organizational Structure at **Appendix A** is endorsed; and*
- b) the Secretariat consolidate a new Edition of the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook reflecting the revised Organizational Structure, Terms of Reference (TORs) of the different subsidiary bodies, agreed working arrangements, etc., for presentation to and endorsement by the RSC/7 meeting.*

APPENDIX A

RASG-MID
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



APPENDIX B

**List of Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the
RASG-MID and Subsidiary Bodies**

Position	Name	Date
	RASG-MID	
Chairperson	Mr. Ismaeil Mohammed Al Blooshi Assistant Director General, Aviation Safety Affairs, General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) UAE	November 2012 – Present (RASG-MID/2) <i>Mr. Ismaeil Al Blooshi was re-elected by the RASG-MID/4 meeting (2015) for three additional meetings.</i>
First Vice Chairperson	Mr. Abdullah Omar Al Ojaili Assistant Director General for Safety Public Authority for Civil Aviation (PACA) OMAN	September 2011 – Present (RASG-MID/1) <i>Mr. Abdullah Al Ojaili was re-elected by the RASG-MID/4 meeting (2015) for three additional meetings.</i>
Second Vice Chairperson	Mr. Jihad Faqir Assistant Regional Director Safety & Flight Operations , IATA North Africa & Levant International Air Transport Association (IATA) JORDAN	May 2016 – Present (RASG-MID/5)
Co-Chair	RSC	
	Mrs. Suha Daher Commissioner Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC)- JORDAN	January 2017 – Present (RSC/5) <i>Mrs. Suha Daher has left CARC and will not be able to resume the position of the RSC Co-Chair</i>
Co-Chair	Mr. Ken Sewell (IATA) Regional Director, Safety and Flight Operations, Middle East & North Africa International Air Transport Association (IATA) IATA Middle East Headquarters Amman, JORDAN	January 2017 – Present (RSC/5)
Alt Co-Chair	Eng. Angie Ahmed Abdalla Mostafa, Head of Aerodromes Safety and Standards Administration Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA) Cairo - EGYPT	January 2017 – Present (RSC/5)

Alt Co-Chair	Capt. Souhaïel Dallel Executive Vice President AFI MID IFALPA	September 2011 – Present (<i>RASG-MID/1</i>)
Provisional Rapporteur	MID-ASRT	
	Eng. Suliman Ali Elmesallati Standard & Regulations Manager Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) LIBYA	November 2018 - Present (<i>MID-ASRT/3</i>) <i>Ms. Rose Al Osta, Manager, Safety & Flight Operations Africa & Middle East, IATA indicated that she is no longer able to assume the function of ASRT Rapporteur. Mr. Suliman Ali Elmesallati, was elected as a provisional Rapporteur to chair the MID-ASRT/3 meeting. The election of the MID-ASRT Rapporteur will be included in the agenda of the MID-ASRT/4 meeting.</i> <i>The proposed new organizational structure should be considered</i>
Rapporteur	MID-RAST	
	Mr. Jehad Faqir Assistant Regional Director Safety & Flight Operations , IATA North Africa International Air Transport Association (IATA) JORDAN	March 2015 – Present (<i>RASG-MID/4</i>) <i>Mr. Jehad Faqir is also the Second Vice Chairperson of the RASG-MID</i> <i>The proposed new organizational structure should be considered</i>

Rapporteur	MID-SST	
	<p>Mr. Abdulelah Othman Felemban Director General Aviation Investigation Bureau (AIB) SAUDI ARABIA</p>	<p>February 2019 – Present (MID-SST/5)</p> <p><u>Mr. Ismaeil Mohammed Al Hosani, Assistant Director General Air Accident Investigation, General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), UAE has retired from GCAA and will not continue to be the SST Rapporteur. The MID-SST/5 meeting elected Mr. Abdulelah Othman Felemban, Director General, Aviation Investigation Bureau (AIB) from Saudi Arabia as the new SST Rapporteur.</u></p> <p><u>The proposed new organizational structure should be considered</u></p>
Chairperson	RGS WG	
	<p>Mr. Mohammad Faisal Al Dossari Acting Assistant Director General Air Accident Investigation General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) UAE</p>	<p>April 2014 – Present (RGS WG/1)</p> <p><u>The proposed new organizational structure should be considered</u></p>