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MIDANPIRG/18 and RASG-MID/8 Virtual Meetings

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Agenda Item 4.3.1: RASG-MID Working Arrangements and Future Work Programme

RASG-MID ORG STRUCTURE, WORKING ARRANGEMENTS AND CHAIRMANSHIP

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper addresses the need to review the RASG-MID Organizational Structure, Working Arrangements and Chairmanship.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- MIDANPIRG/17-RASG-MID/7 Report
- RSC/7 Report
- MSG/7 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

RASG-MID Organizational Structure

1.1 The RASG-MID/7 Meeting, through RASG-MID Decision 7/10 endorsed the revised RASG-MID Organizational Structure at **Appendix A**, based on the feedback and proposals received from the stakeholders and different RASG-MID subsidiary bodies, with the establishment of the following Groups:

- Annual Safety Report Group (ASRG)
- Aerodromes Safety, Planning and Implementation (ASPIG)
- Safety Enhancement Implementation Group (SEIG)
- Accident and Incident Investigation (AIIG)

2. DISCUSSION

Working Arrangements

2.1 The meeting may wish to note that the MSG/7 Virtual Meeting (1 - 3 September 2020), agreed through its Draft Decision 7/2 that:

- a) the MIDANPIRG be organized on annual basis in an alternate manner between face-to-face and virtual meetings; and
- b) the MSG is dissolved.

2.2 Taking into consideration the new generic Terms of Reference of PIRGs & RASGs approved by the President of the Council on 7 August 2020 mandating the need for PIRGs & RASGs to meet on annual basis, as well as the DGCA-MID/5 Conclusion 5/2 related to the frequency of the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID meetings; and to enhance standardization between the regional groups to the possible extent, as well as the successful experience of organizing the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID meeting concurrently, the meeting may wish to consider similar approach:

- a) the RASG-MID be organized on annual basis either face-to-face or virtual meetings, taking into consideration the developments and circumstances, progress and needs. The decision of the conduct of the RASG-MID, would be coordinated by the Secretariat with the Chairpersons of the RASG-MID and Groups and concerned Stakeholders; and
- b) the RSC is dissolved.

2.3 It's to be highlighted that the authority given to the RASG-MID Subsidiary bodies might need to be reconsidered (there might be a need to give authority to the ASRG, ASPIG, SEIG and AIIG to endorse their own Conclusions and Decisions related to technical issues, which do not raise any concern/controversy, nor have financial or political implications). Such Conclusions and Decisions would be first coordinated by the Secretariat with the Chairpersons of the RASG-MID and Groups.

2.4 The RASG-MID Procedural Handbook would be amended reflect the above arrangements and the outcome of this meeting.

Chairmanship

2.5 The list of current Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the RASG-MID and its Groups is at **Appendix B**.

RASG-MID

2.6 The meeting may wish to recall that the Chairman of the RASG-MID, Mr. Ismaeil Al Blooshi, Assistant Director, Aviation Safety Affairs Sector, GCAA, UAE, was elected by the RASG-MID/2 meeting (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 12-14 November 2012) for three terms in accordance with the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook.

2.7 The RASG-MID/4 (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 30 March -1 April 2015), in order to ensure better continuity and support to the RASG-MID, agreed through Decision 4/15, to amend the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook to allow for the Chairperson, the First Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairperson of the Group to assume their functions at the end of the meeting at which they are elected and serve for three meetings, unless otherwise decided.

2.8 The RASG-MID/7 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 15-18 April 2019), noted that the Chairman Mr. Ismaeil Al Blooshi and the First Vice Chairperson Mr. Abdullah Omar Al Ojaili have completed their terms, as per the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook. The meeting agreed that, in order to ensure the necessary continuity in the work of the Group, the Chairperson, the First Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairperson be renewed for one (1) additional term. It was also agreed that the election of Chairpersons be included in the Agenda of the RASG-MID/8 meeting.

2.9 It's to be highlighted that Mr. Abdullah Al Ojaili, Ex Assistant Director General for Safety, PACA, Oman, and Ex First Vice-Chairperson of RASG-MID who was elected at the RASG-MID/1 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 18 – 19 September 2011) has retired and this position is currently vacant.

2.10 With respect to the Second Vice Chairperson, Mr. Jehad Faqir, Assistant Director Safety and Flight Operations, IATA, was elected by the RASG-MID/5 meeting (Doha, Qatar, 22-24 May 2016).

RSC

2.11 The RSC/7 (Cairo, Egypt, 3 – 5 March 2020) noted that Mrs. Suha Daher, Commissioner, CARC, Jordan, has left CARC and would not be able to resume the position of the RSC Co-Chair. In addition, Mr. Ken Sewell, Ex-Regional Director, Safety and Flight Operations, IATA, was not able to resume the other position of the RSC Co-Chairs.

2.12 With respect to the Alt Co-Chair, Mrs. Angie Mostafa, has been assigned as the Representative of Egypt to the ICAO Council. Furthermore, Capt. Souhail Dallel from IFALPA has not been actively participating in the RSC activities.

2.13 Taking into consideration the generic Terms of Reference of the RASGs approved by the ICAO Council, the meeting agreed to elect as a first step, a Chairperson for the RSC, pending the final decision of the RASG-MID with regard to the chairmanship of both the RASG-MID and RSC. Mr. Mohammad Faisal Al Dossari, Assistant Director General-Air Accident Investigation, GCAA, UAE, was elected as the Chairperson of the RSC.

ASRG

2.14 The ASRG/1 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 25-27 November 2019) elected Mr. Theeb Al Otaibi, Director of Safety Analysis, AIB, Saudi Arabia as the Chairperson of the ASRG.

2.15 The Vice Chairperson position is currently vacant, since Mohamed Salah, who used to be the Safety General Director, Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA) left the ECAA and is no longer able to resume this position.

ASPIG

2.16 The ASPIG/1 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 19 – 21 November 2019) elected Mr. Mohammed Yousif, Acting Manager Aerodromes Section, GCAA, UAE, as the Chairperson of the ASPIG; and Mr. Fakhreldin Mehadi, Aerodromes Safety and Standards Directorate Director, SCAA, Sudan as the Vice-Chairperson.

SEIG

2.17 The SEIG/1 meeting which was held virtually from 16 to 18 November 2020 elected Dr. Mohammad Hushki, Director Quality Assurance and Internal Audit, CARC, Jordan, as the Chairperson of the SEIG. It was agreed that a Vice Chairperson be elected by the RASG-MID/8 meeting.

AIIG

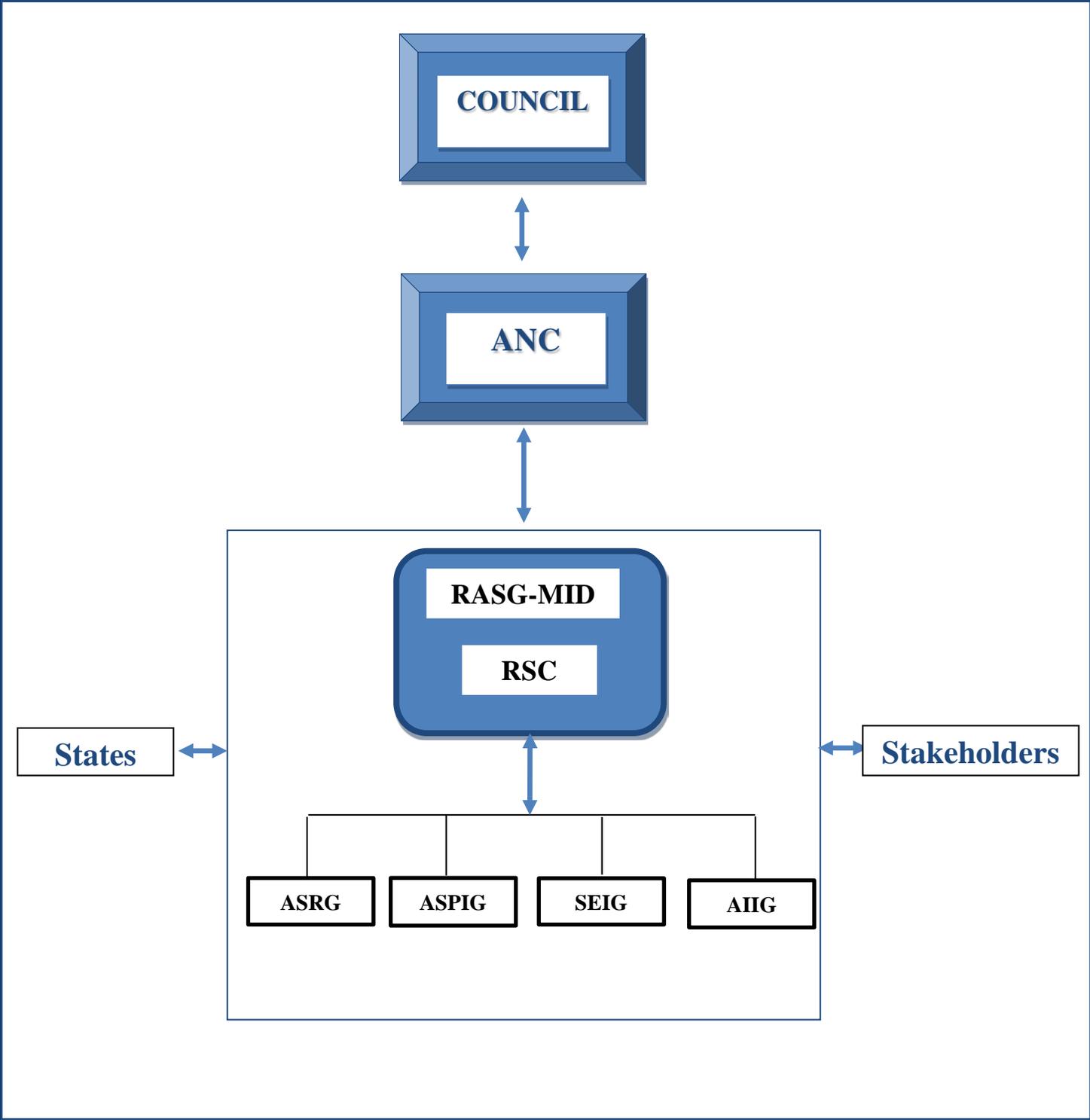
2.18 The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to be elected by the AIIG/1 meeting planned to be held 22-24 June and hosted by UAE in Dubai.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information provided in this paper and agree on the necessary actions with respect to:

- a) Working Arrangements of the RASG-MID at para 2.2 and 2.3; and
- b) Chairmanship of RASG-MID and its Groups.

RASG-MID ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



LIST OF CHAIRPERSONS AND VICE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE RASG-MID AND GROUPS

RASG-MID	Mr. Ismaeil Mohammed Al Blooshi Chairperson (UAE) Assistant Director, Aviation Safety Affairs Sector, GCAA	Elected by the RASG-MID/2 meeting (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 12-14 November 2012) Extended by the RASG-MID/4 (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 30 March -1 April 2015) through Decision 4/15, to serve for additional three meetings. RASG-MID/7meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 15-18 April 2019), agreed that, in order to ensure the necessary continuity in the work of the Group, the Chairperson, the First Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairperson be renewed for one (1) additional term. It was also agreed that the election of Chairpersons be included in the Agenda of the RASG-MID/8 meeting.
	<i>First Vice Chairperson - Vacant</i>	Mr. Abdullah O. Rajab Al Ojaili, Assistant Director General for Safety, PACA, Oman was elected as the First Vice-Chairperson of RASG-MID at the RASG-MID/1 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 18 – 19 September 2011). Mr. Al Ojaili has retired.
	Mr. Jehad Faqir Second Vice Chairperson (IATA) Assistant Director Safety and Flight Operations	Elected by the RASG-MID/5 meeting (Doha, Qatar, 22-24 May 2016)
RSC	Mr. Mohammad Faisal Al Dossari Chairperson (UAE) Assistant Director General – Air Accident Investigation	The RSC/7 (Cairo, Egypt, 3 – 5 March 2020) agreed to elect as a first step, a Chairperson for the RSC, pending the final decision of the RASG-MID with regard to the chairmanship of both the RASG-MID and RSC. Mr. Mohammad Faisal Al Dossari, Assistant Director General-Air Accident Investigation, GCAA, UAE, was elected as the Chairperson of the RSC.
ASRG	Mr. Theeb Abdullah Al Otaibi Chairperson (Saudi Arabia) Director of Safety Analysis Aviation Investigation Bureau	Elected by ASRG/1 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 25-27 November 2019)
	<i>Vice Chairperson - Vacant</i>	Mohamed Salah Abdel Aziz, Safety General Director, Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA) is not able to resume this position.
ASPIG	Mr. Mohammed Yousif Mohamed Chairperson (UAE) Acting Manager Aerodromes Section	Elected by ASPIG/1 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 19 – 21 November 2019)
	Mr. Fakhreldin Osman Ahmed Mehadi Vice- Chairperson (Sudan) Aerodromes Safety and Standards Directorate Director	Elected by ASPIG/1 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 19 – 21 November 2019)
SEIG	Dr. Mohammad Hushki Chairperson (Jordan) Director Quality Assurance and Internal Audit, Jordan Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC)	Elected by SEIG/1 meeting held virtually from 16 to 18 November 2020
	<i>Vice Chairperson - Vacant</i>	To be elected by the RASG-MID/8 meeting
AIIG	<i>Chairperson Vacant</i>	To be elected by the AIIG/1 meeting planned to be held 22-24 June and hosted by UAE in Dubai