



International Civil Aviation Organization

MIDANPIRG/19 and RASG-MID/9 Meetings

(Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 14-17 February 2022)

Agenda Item 5.7: Air Navigation Planning and Implementation - ATM

MID REGION ATM CONTINGENCY PLAN

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper addresses the current version of the MID Doc 003: MID Region ATM Contingency Plan (Apr 2016).

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- Annex 11, Fifteenth edition, 2018
- ICAO Doc. 4444, PANS-ATM, Sixteenth Edition, 2016
- MID Doc 003: MID Region ATM Contingency Plan (Apr 2016)
- MIDANPIRG/18 & RASG-MID/8 Report (Virtual Meetings, 15 – 22 February 2021)
- ATM SG/7 Report (Virtual Meeting, 15 – 18 November 2021)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The MID Region Air Traffic Management Contingency Plan has been developed to ensure, to the extent possible, the continued safety of air navigation in the event of disruption or potential disruption of Air Traffic Services and related supporting services in the MID Region, in accordance with the provisions of ICAO Annex 11 – Air Traffic Services. The intent is to provide a description of the arrangements in place to deal with a range of contingency situations.

1.2 Currently, the MID Region ATM Contingency Plan consists of the following chapters:

- Chapter 1: MID States' Contingency Plan
- Chapter 2: Common Procedures
- Chapter 3: Air Traffic Management
- Chapter 4: Airspace and alternative routings
- Chapter 5: MID Region ATM volcanic ash contingency plan

1.3 The document also contains the MID Region ATM Contingency Focal Points list and the Status of Contingency Agreements in the MID Region, is available on the ICAO MID website, under the link: <https://www.icao.int/MID/MIDANPIRG/Documents/MIDDoc003>.

1.4 The meeting may wish to recall the MIDANPIRG/17 Conclusion 17/20:

MIDANPIRG Conclusion 17/20: Enhanced Framework for the MID CCT

That,

- a) States intending to restrict traffic or close all or part of their airspace be urged to consider adequate time before affecting the required change to minimize traffic disruption;*
- b) States, under the framework of the CCT, in coordination with airspace users, agree on interim guidance with a progressive set of flow measures to address the current Air Traffic Flow disruption caused by the closure of Pakistan airspace; and*
- c) the ATM SG/5:

 - i. develop guidelines on how extended disruptions in the network are to be managed in a balanced manner; and*
 - ii. enhance the notification and coordination process of contingency operations in the frame of the MID CCT, particularly for:

 - consistency of interrelated contingency information promulgated by more than one State; and*
 - agreement on recovery plan for each contingency situation.***

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to note that the ATM SG/7 meeting reviewed the current MID Region ATM Contingency Plan and found it is still valid and serves the current needs. However, assignment of responsibilities, and sharing/exchanging of information in timely manner requires further improvements.

2.2 In reference to MIDANPIRG/17 Conclusion 17/20, the meeting may wish to note that due to COVID-19 the work in this regard was not progressing effectively.

2.3 The ATM SG/7 meeting agreed that the MID Region ATM Contingency Plan should include provisions related to the management of public health pandemics; and encouraged States to adopt a unified contingency response and joint policy to strengthen future collaboration considering the lessons learnt from COVID-19.

2.4 Based on the above, the ATM SG/7 meeting agreed to the following Draft Decision:

Why	The current contingency plan needs improvement in assignment of responsibilities, sharing/exchanging of information in timely manner and response to public health pandemic.
What	MID Region ATM Contingency Plan (MID Doc 003)

Who	MIDANPIRG/19
When	Feb. 2022

DRAFT DECISION 7/2: MID ATM CONTINGENCY PLANNING AD-HOC ACTION GROUP

That,

- a) the MID ATM Contingency Planning Ad-hoc Action Group be established to carry out a comprehensive review of the MID Region ATM Contingency Plan (MID Doc 003), taking into considerations the lessons learnt from recent events; and*
- b) the MID ATM Contingency Planning Ad-hoc Action Group:*
 - i. be composed of:*
 - the Chairpersons of the ATM SG;*
 - representatives from States and IATA (TBD); and*
 - ICAO MID Office (Secretariat)*
 - ii. present the revised version of the MID Region ATM Contingency Plan (MID Doc 003) to the ATM SG/8 for review and fine-tuning, before presentation to the MIDANPIRG/20 meeting for endorsement.*

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) endorse the Draft Decision in para 2.4; and
- b) encourage States and ORGs to support the work of the Action Group.

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