



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**MIDANPIRG/22 & RASG-MID/12 Meetings**

***(Doha, Qatar, 4 – 8 May 2025)***

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**Agenda Item 5.2: MID Region Air Navigation priorities and targets**

**PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE MID ANP, VOLUME I: FIR BOUNDARIES PFA**

*(Presented by Secretariat)*

SUMMARY
<p>This paper presents the progress of Proposal for Amendment related to FIR and SRR description in the MID Air Navigation Plan Volume I tables ATM I-1 and SAR I-1.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.</p>
REFERENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MIDANPIRG/21 &amp; RASG-MID/11 (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 4 – 8 March 2024) meeting report</li><li>- ATM SG/10 (20-23 October 2024, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia);</li><li>- MID ANP Volume I</li><li>- PfA MID-I-2401 (Tripoli FIR/SRR Description)</li></ul>

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The establishment of the electronic Air Navigation Plan (eANP) has necessitated incorporation of Flight Information Regions/Upper Information Regions (FIR/UIR) and Search and Rescue Regions (SRR) boundary dimensions.

1.2 The ICAO Council approved the new eANP Template (Volumes I, II and III) and corresponding procedure for amendment on 18 June 2014 (202nd session, fourth meeting).

1.3 The meeting may wish to recall that the MIDANPIRG/15 meeting reviewed and endorsed the MID eANP VOL I, II and III (MIDANPIRG/15 Conclusion 15/11 refers) without the FIRs/UIRs boundary coordinates (Tables ATM I-1 MID Region Flight Information Regions (FIRs)/ Upper Information Regions (UIRs) and SAR I-1 MID Region Search and Rescue Regions (SRRs)). The publication of the FIR Boundary coordinates/descriptions necessitates bi-lateral/multi-lateral agreements between concerned States.

1.4 The meeting may wish to recall that the MSG/5 Conclusion 5/5 and MIDANPIRG17 meeting endorsed the Guidelines for the publication of FIR boundary points and through Conclusion 17/12, urged States to take into consideration the Guidelines for the description of their FIR boundaries in the States' AIPs.

## 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The MIDANPIRG/20 meeting reiterated that a review of the FIRs descriptions should be conducted by the States and stressed the importance of supporting a process for checking alignment, and validation of data accuracy. Moreover, the meeting agreed that a step-by-step approach should be used in populating the Tables ATM I-1 and SAR I-1. Accordingly, the MIDANPIRG/20 meeting had agreed to the following Conclusion:

*MIDANPIRG CONCLUSION 20/13: PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT TO THE MID EANP VOLUME I, TABLES ATM I-1 MID REGION FLIGHT INFORMATION REGIONS (FIRs)/UPPER INFORMATION REGIONS (UIRS) AND SAR I-1 MID REGION SEARCH AND RESCUE REGIONS (SRRS)*

*That, the ICAO MID Office coordinate with the States concerned and process Proposal(s) for Amendment to the MID ANP Vol I, Tables ATM I-1 MID Region Flight Information Regions (FIRs)/ Upper Information Regions (UIRs) and SAR I- 1 MID Region Search and Rescue Regions (SRRs) in accordance with standard procedure.*

2.1 As a follow-up to the MIDANPIRG/20 Conclusion 20/13, coordination was carried out with Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria as well as ICAO HQ (ANB) to include the lateral limits coordinates and vertical dimensions of their respective FIRs/UIRs and SRRs in Tables ATM I-1 and SAR I-1, however due to number of inconsistencies, only Libya and Sudan have been identified as the eligible States to submit their own PfAs independently, while coordinating with the adjacent FIRs and MID Office to comply with the standard PfA procedures.

2.2 The meeting may wish to note that despite MIDANPIRG conclusions and ICAO MID follow up since 2017, so far, the progress of development of PfAs to incorporate MID FIRs/SRRs in MID ANP Volume I was not progressing as planned. The Secretariat provided updated status as follows:

States	States AIP	ANP Volume I FIR	ANP Volume I SRR	Remark
<b>Bahrain</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	Bahrain & Saudi Arabia PfA FIRSRR-MID Basic ANP 13.03-ATM-SAR is on-hold since 2013
<b>Egypt</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	
<b>Iran</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	
<b>Iraq</b>	Not published yet	Not published	Not published	
<b>Jordan</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	
<b>Kuwait</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	
<b>Lebanon</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	
<b>Libya</b>	ENR 2.1	On-going	On-going	PfA MID-I-2401 Approved by President of the ICAO Council. 14 November 2024
<b>Oman</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	
<b>Qatar</b>	ENR 2.1	Published	Published	C-DEC 225/10 11 March 2022
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	Bahrain & Saudi Arabia PfA FIRSRR-MID Basic ANP 13.03-ATM-SAR is on-hold since 2013
<b>Sudan</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	Sudan and South Sudan Task Force (SSS TF) is working on the subject. Draft PfA AFI/MID ANP 18/02 – ATM/SAR was agreed and States are coordinating with adjacent FIRs
<b>Syria</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	
<b>UAE</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	
<b>Yemen</b>	ENR 2.1	Not published	Not published	

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the progress of Proposal for Amendment related to FIR and SRR description in the MID Air Navigation Plan Volume I tables ATM I-1 and SAR I-1 in para 2.2; and
- b) urge States to verify and validate FIR/SRR description published in their respective AIPs in collaboration with adjacent FIRs and in coordination with ICAO MID originate required PfA.

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