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MIDANPIRG/22 & RASG-MID/12 Meetings

(Doha, Qatar, 4 – 8 May 2025)

Agenda Item 5.3 ANS (AIM, PBN, AGA-AOP, ATM-SAR, CNS and MET)

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
The paper presents the status of Search and Rescue in the MID Region and the related issues.
Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.
REFERENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ASBU GADS B1/2- MIDANPIRG/21 (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 4 – 8 March 2024)- MID Doc. 010: SAR Implementation Plan- MID Region Search and Rescue Workshop 2024 (Cairo, Egypt, 6 - 7 May 2024)- ATM SG/10 (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 20 – 23 October 2024) meeting report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Standards, Recommended Practices and Procedures and guidance material related to the implementation of Search and Rescue (SAR) are mainly contained in ICAO Annex 12, International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR - Doc 9731). On regional level, the MID SAR implementation Plan was endorsed and published as MID Doc 010, in 2018.

1.2 Furthermore, the 6th edition of GANP, under ASBU GADS B1/2, which was identified as Priority 1 in the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy, is related to Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS) Contact directory service, is applicable to all MID States.

1.3 The meeting may wish to recall the discussion during the MIDANPIRG/20 & RASG-MID/10 (Muscat, Oman, 14 – 17 May 2023) meeting, related to the SAR findings and deficiencies, in particular, the organization of a SAR implementation Seminar. The MIDANPIRG/20 meeting agreed on the following Conclusion:

MIDANPIRG CONCLUSION 20/34: SAR WORKSHOP

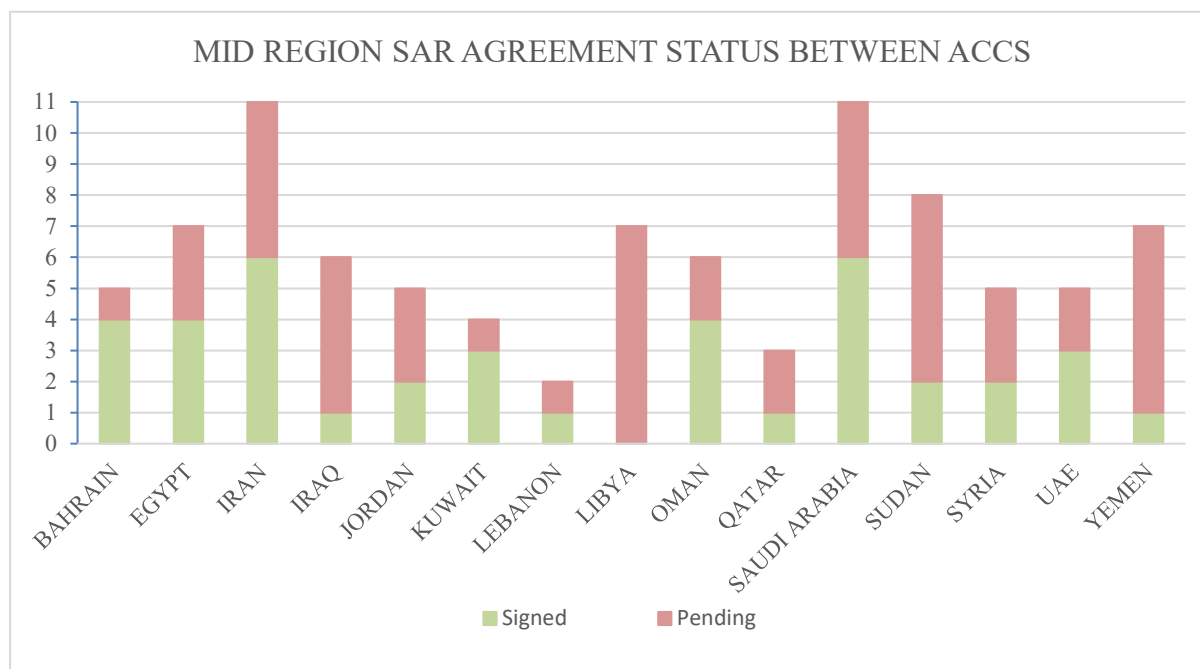
That, the ICAO MID Office organize a SAR Workshop in 2024, to address the challenges related to SAR in the MID Region.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to note that SAR main findings and challenges identified earlier in the MID Region are still standing, mainly related to the lack of:

- effective SAR oversight activities;
- English language proficiency for RCC radio operators;
- appropriate training programmes/plans of SAR experts;
- signature of SAR agreements (current signed agreements as of March 2025 is at **Appendix A**);
- insufficient plans for SAR exercises; and
- non-compliance with the carriage of Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) requirements.

2.2 The meeting may wish to note the status of SAR bilateral Arrangements as of October 2023, as at **Appendix A**, which is also reflected in the following **Graph 1**:



Graph 1: SAR Bilateral Arrangements/Agreements (62%)

2.3 MID States were urged to keep up-to-date their SAR Point of Contact (SPOC) contact details in their AIPs (GEN 3.6) and on the COSPAS-SARSAT website: <http://www.cospas-sarsat.int/en/>. It is also requested to provide ICAO MID with the assigned person(s) to be included in the GADSS Contacts directory. The current list is at **Appendix B**.

2.4 The meeting may wish to note that the MID Doc. 010: SAR implementation Plan, includes material that would support the different requirements implementation: SAR Facilities and

resources reference material, including national implementation plan guidance; Check list for SAR capability matrix; SAR LoA template; Work plan for SAREX; and MID States Contact details table.

2.5 The meeting may wish to note that the MID SAR Implementation Workshop was successfully conducted at the MID Office in Cairo during the period 6 – 7 May 2024; 30 participants attended the workshop from the MID States. The workshop reviewed ICAO Provisions related to SAR and the current implementation status within the MID Region, additionally, a provided brief on Amendment 19 to Annex 12 related to GADSS (applicable by 28 November 2024) and USOAP CMA PQs related to SAR implementation; also, the workshop provided a detailed description on the GADSS components and implementation plan in particular the Autonomous distress tracking and SIT185 messages format. The workshop was considered as venue for SAR experts from the MID Region to share their experience and success stories related to SAR, Saudi Arabia, Oman and UAE shared their SAR experience during the workshop.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) encourage States to use the ICAO Doc 010 and provide the ICAO MID Office with updates on the implementation status, achievements and challenges;
- b) review and, if necessary, update:
 - i. the status of bilateral Arrangements between ANSPs/ACCs at **Appendix A**;
 - ii. the SAR Point of Contact (SPOC) contact details on the COSPAS-SARSAT website; and
 - iii. the list of SAR and GADSS focal points in the MID Region at **Appendix B**; and
- c) encourage States to use the information provided in the MID SAR Workshop conducted in 2024, to enhance the SAR implementation within the Region.

MID REGION SAR AGREEMENT STATUS BETWEEN ANSPS/ACCS

March 2025

STATE	CORRESPONDING STATES			REMARKS*
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☒ Agreement Signed ☐ Agreement NOT Signed *Signed Agreements / Total No. of required Agreements

APPENDIX B

LIST OF GADSS FOCAL POINTS

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