



International Civil Aviation Organization

**Middle East Air Navigation Planning and
Implementation Regional Group**

Sixteenth Meeting (MIDANPIRG/16)

(Kuwait, 13 – 16 February 2017)

Agenda Item 5.2.2: Specific Air Navigation issues

AOP ISSUES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the AOP planning matters for consideration of and/or endorsement by MIDANPIRG.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- IHS SoD
- MSG/5 Report
- RGS WG/3 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Aerodrome Operational Planning (AOP) issues are addressed under the MIDANPIRG framework.

2. DISCUSSION

Revised list of MID international Aerodromes

2.1 The meeting may wish to note that the ICAO MID Regional Office received requests from Egypt, Iran and Sudan for a change to the list of their international aerodromes. Accordingly, ICAO MID Office processed a Proposal for Amendment (PFA) to update the AOP table of the MID Basic ANP and the number of MID international aerodromes has been changed from 71 to 59 aerodromes.

2.2 In connection with the above, the meeting may wish to recall that the AOP Table of the MID ANP does not include some of the aerodromes which are required/used for international operations. Accordingly, the concerned States are invited to review the current MID ANP Doc 9708 Vol I, Table AOP I-1 and send an updated list of international aerodromes to the ICAO MID Regional Office, taking into consideration the users' needs.

2.3 It is to be highlighted that States need to notify the air carriers and aerodrome users of any change to aerodrome category or type of use and report their action plan to complete certification of their aerodromes.

Aerodrome Certification

2.4 Based on the latest feedback provided by States related to the certification of the international aerodromes included in the AOP table, the table reflecting the status of aerodrome certification in the MID Region has been updated as at **Appendix A**. The table shows that **34** out of the **59** MID States international aerodromes have been certified. This number represents **58%** of the international aerodromes listed in the MID ANP. It is to be highlighted that Aswan International Airport (HESN) has been certified, as of 29 January 2017.

2.5 The current Aerodrome Certification percentage is 58% which exceeds the MID Safety Strategy target of 50% for 2015. However, more efforts are needed to meet the Strategy target of 75% for 2017.

Heliports

2.6 The meeting may wish to note that the ICAO Heliport Seminar (IHS) was successfully held in Dubai from 8 to 10 December 2015. The objectives of the Seminar were to provide an overview on ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) related to Heliports with a focus on design and operation requirements.

2.7 Concurrently with the (IHS), the UAE GCAA hosted the Heliport Design Working Group (HDWG) in Dubai and this provided a great opportunity for the HDWG members to participate in the IHS and interact with the MID States. The IHS was attended by almost one hundred (100) participants from ten (10) States, four (4) of them were from the MID Region.

2.8 The outcomes of the IHS included the following recommendations:

- 1) encourage States to implement ICAO provisions related to Heliports (Annex 14 Volume II) through national Regulations and Safety Oversight. This should include implementation of adequate SMS;
- 2) encourage States to establish and maintain database for Heliports. This should include monitoring new Heliports construction;
- 3) invite ICAO to consider inclusion of core training elements (CAA inspectors & Heliport operator) as part of the Heliport Design and services Manual; and
- 4) report the outcome of this Seminar to RASG-MID and share with the other RASGs.

2.9 The MSG/5 meeting reviewed the above recommendations and urged States to establish a heliport database. Based on the above, the meeting may wish to agree on the following Draft Conclusion:

DRAFT CONCLUSION 16/XX: ESTABLISHMENT OF HELIPORTS DATABASE

That, States be urged to establish and maintain a database for Heliports with information about location and type of use, as a minimum.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information in this working paper and take action as appropriate; and
- b) endorse the Draft Conclusion at para. 2.9.

APPENDIX A

Status of Implementation of Aerodrome Certification in the MID Region

	State	Number of Intl Aerodromes	Number of Certified Intl Aerodromes	Percentage certified
1	Bahrain	1	1	100%
2	Egypt	7	5	71%
3	Iran	9	4	44%
4	Iraq	6	2	33%
5	Jordan	3	2	67%
6	Kuwait	1	1	100%
7	Lebanon	1	0	0%
8	Libya	3	0	0%
9	Oman	2	2	100%
10	Qatar	2	2	100%
11	Saudi Arabia	4	4	100%
12	Sudan	4	3	75%
13	Syria	3	0	0%
14	UAE	8	8	100%
15	Yemen	5	0	0%
	Total	59	34	58%

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