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MIDANPIRG/21 & RASG-MID/11 Meetings

(Abu Dhabi, UAE, 4 – 8 March 2024)

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

PROGRESS REPORT ON C-DEC 225/10 IMPLEMENTATION OF DOHA FIR/SRR

(Presented by the Multilateral Coordination Group)

SUMMARY

This Working Paper presents the progress made regarding the implementation of C-DEC225/10: Establishment of Doha FIR/SRR.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

References

- C – DEC 225/10 Implementation of Doha FIR/SRR
- MIDANPIRG/20 & RASG-MID/10 Meeting (Muscat, Oman, 14 – 17 May 2023) Report
- ATM Subgroup/9 (ATM SG/9) meeting (Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, 14 – 16 November 2023) Report
- Outcomes of the Multilateral and bilateral Group Meetings

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting may wish to recall the C – DEC 225/10 (11 March 2022) related to the implementation of Doha FIR/SRR in two phases.

1.2 The meeting may wish to recall the presentation made by Qatar Civil Aviation Authority (QCAA) on the plans to split the implementation of Phase 1 in further phased approach to ensure the smooth and safe transition of operations; and the preparations of the services implementation and manpower made available within the newly established Doha ACC unit.

1.3 The meeting may wish to recall the discussion during the last MIDANPIRG/20 meeting, in particular the MIDANPIRG Conclusions 20/14 and 20/16.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to note that the MID Office saved no effort to support the implementation of the C – DEC 225/10. The MID RD is continuously communicating with the DGs and the Ministers of the concerned States, emphasizing the need to implement the C – DEC 225/10 in a collaborative, harmonized and safe manner.

2.2 The meeting may wish to note that the MID Office is working closely with Qatar CAA on the related Proposal for Amendment to the MID ANP (Doc 9708) to include information related to

Qatar Facilities and Services.

2.3 The meeting may wish to note that the Multilateral Coordination Group established from the relevant States (Bahrain, Iran, Saudi Arabia and UAE and from Qatar) has met several times to harmonize the plans and to addressing the technical and operational matters, including, but not limited to, the organization of the coordination meeting in Abu Dhabi on 29 – 31 August 2022 (hosted by GCAA, UAE) to agree on the transition plan for Phase 1A.

2.4 The MID Office organized additional several coordination meetings to address the subject and agree on further implementation plans. Through the discussion during the bilateral coordination meetings, the ATM teams from the States and the MID Office managed to put in place operational measures to ensure the safe and efficient conduct of flight and smooth transfer of traffic between ATC.

2.5 Accordingly, Phase 1A has been implemented on 6 October 2022 in adherence to the AIRAC Cycle calendar, after a transition period and in close coordination with the relevant States. Phase 1B (complete Phase 1) has been implemented on 23 March 2023.

2.6 The meeting may wish to recall that the MID Office was tasked to develop and share a feedback form to collect information and feedback from relevant States and stakeholders to ensure that Phase 1 has been implemented successfully and assess the readiness to start the planning for the implementation of Phase 2.

2.7 The meeting may wish to note that the two cycles of the Feedback Form has been circulated to the MID States and Airspace Users/IATA (State Letters Ref.: AN 6/5.1.16 – 23/123 dated 6 June 2023 and Ref.: AN 6/5.1.16 – 23/232 dated 18 October 2023).

2.8 Additionally, it was agreed that the operational and safety teams from Bahrain and Qatar will meet on regular basis to address any operational issue and/or safety occurrence.

2.9 Bahrain and Qatar were encouraged to continue direct coordination and cooperation to address the identified challenges in regular and timely manner, to present to the Multilateral Group a clear identification of trends, benchmark, results of safety/risk assessment and implementation of mitigation measures. For an objective assessment of the post implementation of Phase One. Additionally, it was agreed that there is a need for a list of indicators to be provided by Bahrain and Qatar.

2.10 The meeting agreed that Bahrain and Qatar will develop a Safety Report, including the analysis of the main 4 categories of occurrences (Coordination of Traffic over MIDS and RAGAS, Non-Compliance with Letter of Agreements, OLDI error messages, Traffic re-routing), showing trends of the identified issues, benchmarking, mitigation measures and any associated issue to be addressed. The Report should be submitted to the ICAO MID Office by end of February 2024, in order to be addressed by the Multi-lateral Group meeting, which will take place beginning of March 2024 as a side meeting to the MIDANPIRG/21 meeting.

2.11 The meeting may wish to recall the discussion during the MIDRMA Board/19 meeting (Manama, Bahrain, 10 – 11 October 2023); in particular the list of requirements to be provided to the MIDRMA to support the development of the RVSM Airspace Assessment.

2.12 The progress of the implementation was presented to the ATM SG/9, and it was agreed that the Multilateral Coordination Group is in a better position to report the progress to the MIDANPIRG/21 meeting.

2.13 Bahrain and Qatar reiterated their commitment to continue working collaboratively

together, to address the safety and operational occurrences. Accordingly, the meeting agreed that the joint safety report will be submitted not later than **15 April 2024** to the ICAO MID Office.

2.14 The meeting agreed that the ICAO MID Office to share the comments and feedback forms received with the multilateral group members.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the progress made for the implementation of C – DEC 225/10;

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