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REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT-MEASUREMENT TASK FORCE

ATMM TF/1

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PART I – HISTORY OF THE MEETING

1. PLACE AND DURATION

1.1 The First meeting of Air Traffic Management-Measurement Task force (ATMM TF/1) was held at the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 8-9 September 2013.

2. OPENING

- 2.1 The Meeting was opened by Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, ICAO Deputy Regional Director, Middle East Office, who extended a warm welcome to all participants to Cairo and highlighted the Terms of Reference (TOR) and main objective of the Air Traffic Management-Measurement Task force (ATMM TF). Mr. Smaoui recognized the difficult of the task, especially during the first meeting, which lays the foundation for the work of the Task Force. He highlighted some of the MID Region's past and current operational improvements which have the potential to reduce fuel burn and lower levels of pollutants.
- 2.2 Mr. Smaoui indicated that it is important to estimate the environmental benefits accrued from operational improvements using the ICAO Fuel Saving Estimation Tool (IFSET) and to reflect the results in the MID Region Air Navigation Environmental Report. He highlighted that Key Performance Indicators related to Environment will be published in the regional performance dashboards webpages starting 2014. In this respect, Mr. Smaoui invited the participants to use the ATMM TF/1 meeting as an opportunity to practice IFSET using their State's data with the support of the Secretariat.
- 2.3 Finally Mr. Smaoui wished the meeting every success in its deliberations.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 The meeting was attended by a total of Fifteen (15) participants, including experts from five (5) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia). The list of participants is at the **Attachment A** to the Report.

4. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

4.1 The meeting was chaired by Mr. Dawood Al-Jarrah, Head of AFTN Section, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Kuwait, Mr. Raza Gulam, Regional Officer CNS and Mr. Elie El Khoury, Regional Officer ATM/SAR acted as Secretaries of the meeting, supported by Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, ICAO Deputy Regional Director.

5. LANGUAGE

5.1 Discussions were conducted in English and documentation was issued in English.

6. AGENDA

6.1 The following Agenda was adopted:

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and election of Chairperson

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Agenda Item 2: Estimation of Environmental benefits accrued from operational

improvements

Agenda Item 3: Future Work Programme

Agenda Item 4: Any other business

7. CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS – DEFINITION

- 7.1 All MIDANPIRG Sub-Groups and Task Forces record their actions in the form of Conclusions and Decisions with the following significance:
 - a) **Conclusions** deal with the matters which, in accordance with the Group's terms of reference, merit directly the attention of States on which further action will be initiated by ICAO in accordance with established procedures; and
 - b) **Decisions** deal with matters of concern only to the MIDANPIRG and its contributory bodies.

8. LIST OF CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS

DRAFT CONCLUSION 1/1: ESTIMATING ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

PART II: REPORT ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

- 1.1 The meeting reviewed and adopted the Provisional Agenda as at Para 6 of the History of the Meeting.
- 1.2 Mr. Dawood Al-Jarrah, Head of AFTN Section, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Kuwait, was unanimously elected as the Chairperson of the Air Traffic Management Measurement Task Force (ATMM TF).

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 2: ESTIMATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS ACCRUED FROM OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

- 2.1 The meeting recalled that Operational improvements are a key strategy that can be applied to deliver tangible reductions in aircraft fuel consumption. The Global Air Navigation Plan (Doc 9750) and the Operational Opportunities to Minimize Fuel Use and Reduce Emissions (Circular 303) are among several documents providing guidance regarding operational improvements being implemented to improve efficiency of the ATM System.
- 2.2 Implementation of operational improvements will generally have benefits in areas such as improved airport and airspace capacity, shorter cruise, climb and descend times through the use of more optimized routes and an increase of unimpeded taxi times. These improvements have the potential to reduce fuel burn and lower levels of pollutants.
- 2.3 The meeting noted that ICAO Fuel Savings Estimation Tool (IFSET) was developed to assist States to estimate and report fuel savings consistently with the models approved by ICAO's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) and aligned with the Global Air Navigation Plan.
- 2.4 The IFSET, as well as instructions on its use, can be accessed at: http://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/Pages/Tools.aspx.. It was highlighted that ICAO is committed to update the tool based on the feedback received from all stakeholders. In this respect, the meeting noted the feedback provided by Egypt as at **Appendix 2A** to the Report on Agenda Item 2.
- 2.5 The meeting was apprised of the outcome of the IFSET Workshop held in Cairo, Egypt, 29 January 2012 which was supported by CANSO.
- 2.6 The meeting recalled that Environmental Protection represents one of the ICAO strategic objectives. It was highlighted in this respect that ICAO is introducing regional 'Performance Dashboard' homepages for every public website of the ICAO Regional Offices. These dashboards will illustrate the regional implementation status relating to the strategic objectives on Safety, Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency, and Environmental Protection. The first Air Navigation Report is expected to be released in March 2014.
- 2.7 The meeting was apprised of the outcome of the third meeting of the MIDANPIRG Steering Group (MSG/3), held in Cairo, Egypt 17-19 June 2013.
- 2.8 The meeting noted with concern that only Egypt sent a draft IFSET report to the ICAO MID Regional Office, in accordance with MIDANPIRG Conclusion13/35. Accordingly, the meeting agreed to the following Draft Conclusion to supersede MIDANPIRG Conclusion 13/35:

DRAFT CONCLUSION 1/1: ESTIMATING ENVIRONMENT BENEFITS

That, in order to follow-up the implementation of the ATM operational improvements and estimate the fuel savings accrued from the corresponding improvements on regional basis:

- a) States be urged to:
 - i) identify the operational improvements which have been implemented within their FIR and/or international aerodromes;

- *ii)* collect necessary data for the estimation of the environmental benefits accrued from the identified operational improvements;
- ii) use IFSET to estimate the environmental benefits accrued from operational improvements; and
- iii) send the IFSET reports/the accrued environmental benefits to ICAO on biannual basis.

b) IATA to:

- i) encourage users to support the ATM-M TF in the development of the MID Region Air Navigation Environmental Reports; and
- ii) consolidate users' inputs and report the accrued environmental benefits to the ICAO MID Regional Office on bi-annual basis.
- 2.9 The meeting noted with appreciation the work undertaken by Egypt to generate the first IFSET report and thanked Egypt for sharing their experience including the detailed IFSET User Manual (Arabic version), which was distributed to all the participants.
- 2.10 The meeting emphasized that what is required is an <u>estimation</u> of the environmental benefits accrued from <u>implemented</u> operational improvements and not the determination of the exact amount of fuel saving or CO_2 emission, which would require more advanced model/tool to capture all the operational elements needed to calculate the environment benefits.
- 2.11 The meeting noted with concern the difficulties related to the collection/provision of required data for the generation of the IFSET reports such as the number of movements for the old and new scenarios, aircraft categories, Flight Levels and the reporting frequency/period. The meeting underlined that coordination between the different Departments/Units within the States is very important for the generation of more realistic estimation of Fuel Savings reports.
- 2.12 The meeting questioned about the period to be used for the development of the IFSET reports (i.e. previous year, 2 years, 5 years, etc) as well as the format of the Regional Air Navigation Environmental Report and recognized that if the period was to be just 1 year, this might limit the number of implemented operational benefits. Accordingly, the meeting agreed that for the first MID Air Navigation Environmental Report, the following periods would be considered:
 - a) 2009-2011 (just a listing of the operational improvements which have been implemented during this period and which had environmental benefits) as at **Table 1**:
 - b) 2012-2013: period to be used for the generation of the first regional IFSET report as at **Table 2**;
 - c) 2014 and beyond (listing of planned operational improvements which will have environmental benefits) as at **Table 3**.

Table 1

State	Implemented Operational Improvements 2009-2011	Remarks
Bahrain	1- New Eastern Apron established for 9 code E aircraft or 19 code C. This apron Ramp services are all underground such as APU etc.	
	2- Reducing the final approach separation to 3NM, due to newly established rapid. TWY D.	
	3- Using EUROCAT system.4- New ATS & NOTAM Management System Installed	
	and operational. 5- eAIP is available on Web.	
	6- Full Airport aeronautical Survey was done up to annex 15 Ch 10 requirements.	
	7- ISO 9001:2008 certified.8- New VISALA automatic weather observation system	
	(Aerodrome station). 9- New weather radar system.	
	10- Climate database upgrade CLDB.11- Terminal area forecast TAF verification.	
	 12- New massages switch (Moving Weather). 13- Competency Assessment System for Aeronautical Meteorological Personnel (CAS). 	
	14- Radar winds and temperature profiler system.	
	15- First weather radar link interface between Bahrain and UAE.	
	16- New VISALA automatic weather observation system Backup (Aerodrome station).	
Egypt	1- Ban of air traffic over Sidi Krair and P18 & P19 is cancelled	
	 2- Ban of air traffic over Ras El Hekma P20 is cancelled. 3- Ban of air traffic between FYM & CVO via R778 is 	
	partially suspended. 4- Restrictions regarding landing on 05L and departure on 23R are cancelled	
	 5- Establishing route Q680 between DBA & SALUN 6- Traffic between Cairo and Arish via V602-ISM-V606 is permitted. 	
	7- Establishing route L315 between CVO & HGD	
Iran		
Iraq	 RVSM Implementation implementation of ATS route UP975 to increase the trafflic flow capacity from Turkey to the Gulf through Baghdad FIR. 	
Jordan	1- METSA- MAZAR-ZELAF (UM690) 2- GRY-BUSRA-DAM (G662)	
	3- ZELAF DCT QAA (A412) 4- GRY DCT QAA (UN318)	

Kuwait	SIDs and STARs implementation
Lebanon	RNAV STARs implementation
Libya	New ATS Routes Implemented
Oman	
Qatar	
Saudi Arabia	
Sudan	
Syria	
UAE	RNAV1/5 SID/STARs, PBN routes
Yemen	

Table 2

State	Identified Operational Improvements 2012-2013	Nr. of Movements Per Month	Total Fuel Saving Per Month
	UN318 ()	4285	
	UL604 ()	7013	
Bahrain	UL308 ()	9456	
	UP559 ()	6323	
	UL602 ()	10817	
	NABED-KATAB (T55)	1800	396000
Egypt	TBA-NWB-KITOT (UL550-N697) via Saudi Arabia	1170	330000
Iran			
Iraq			
Jordan	End of 2013: Implementation of RNAV SIDs, STARs and Approach Procedures at OJAI, OJAM and OJAQ.	N/A	N/A
Kuwait	No Operational Improvements implemented		
Lebanon	No Operational Improvements implemented		
Libya			
Oman			

Qatar			
	UM449 ()		
	UM318 ()		
	UM863 ()		
	UL564 ()		
Saudi	UM430 (SALWA-HAS)		
Arabia	UL681 ()		
	UP517 ()		
	UL550 ()		
	UB411 <mark>()</mark>		
	R652 ()		
Sudan			
Syria			
	L308	5343	
	P559	3720	
	M557	5865	
	N571	4448	
	P699	2340	
UAE	N318	2389	
	L604 / N685	4041	
	L305	1049	
	Arrival Manager (AMAN) implemented (1 min flight time saved/arrival to OMDB)		
	RNP-AR STARs at Abu Dhabi		
Yemen			

2.13 It is to be highlighted that the IFSET report is at Appendix 2B to the Report on Agenda Item 2.

Table 3

State	Planned Operational Improvements 2014 and beyond	Planned Year	Remarks
Bahrain	 RNAV1 SIDs and STARs. Introducing new RNAV1 AWYs with Kuwait FIR. Installation of Ground radar which will be used during CAT 2 operations and during LVP. We are planning for ASMGCS for the TWR to be used at the airport. DCL system in test. Upgrading ILS CAT 1 to CAT 2. This is under study. Special producer for A380 handling at Bahrain airport. IAPs will be reviewed and republish to reflect the new Airport Survey results. We are planning to open Clearance Delivery Position (CDP) at the TWR to release TWR GMC workload and frequency congestions. Also, planning to have ADM 270 degree simulator to train them on all emergencies and different abnormal situations to enhance the efficiency of our TWR operations. New automatic weather observation system three stationary and one portable station for Bahrain. Second weather radar link interface between Bahrain, UAE and Kuwait. Third weather radar link interface between Bahrain, UAE, Kuwait and Riyadh. Fourth weather radar link interface between Bahrain, UAE, Kuwait, Riyadh and Oman. Link common meteorological system with other GCC in order to enhance the cooperation (Integrated GCC automatic weather observation system). 	2014	
Egypt	PBN Implementation at HECA	2016	,
Iran	GID GITAD I DAYAYA		
Iraq	SIDs, STARs and RNAV Approach at ORBI	2014	

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Jordan	1- Airway between METSA and MDB2- airway between PASIP and METSA3- Expansion of GNSS	2014
Kuwait		
Lebanon	1- Planning for shorter RNAV SIDs and STARs 2- Direct routing between boundary points for over flight traffic.	
Libya	SIDs, STARs at HLLT	2014
Oman		
Qatar		
Saudi Arabia		
Sudan		
Syria		
UAE	 Advanced AMAN/DMAN PRISMA system updates additional ATS Routes Civil/Military cooperation Seamless ANS provision throughout the UAE PBN route structure throughout the UAE Flight procedures optimised for CCO/CDO Airport infrastructure that maximises throughput and minimises congestion Interoperable ATM systems in the UAE Cost effective service provision. ANSP facilities accommodate the needed number of operational positions, support equipment, and personnel. ATM systems have sufficient capacity and functional capability to meet operational needs. Sufficient capacity without routine delays. Stakeholders are afforded a collaborative active role. Aviation policy development. Strategic planning. Tactical decision making. Routine and frequent communications among stakeholders, ANSP, and governmental organisations. Best Capable – Best Served during peak periods. 	2014/2030

	17. Ground-Based Augmentation System (GBAS) for major airports	
Yemen		

- 2.14 The meeting emphasized that future ATM plans should consider the environmental benefits and urged States to inform the ICAO MID Regional Office of all initiatives/programmes which will have positive impact on the environment.
- 2.15 The meeting agreed that the implementation of new instrument approach procedures at the following Aerodromes/RWYs are to be considered by States when planning for future operational improvements:
 - Alexandria/Borg El-Arab Intl (HEBA), RWY 14;
 - Shiraz/Shahid Dastghaib INTL (OISS), RWYs 11L and 11R
 - Al Najaf (ORNI), RWY 10;
 - Tripoli INTL (HLLT), RWY 09; and
 - Benghazi/Benina INTL (HLLB), RWYs 15R and 33L.
- 2.16 Due to the low level of inputs received from States and Users, the meeting agreed that the first MID Region IFSET Report would be consolidated by the Secretariat and presented to the CNS/ATM/IC SG/7 (Cairo, 7-9 October 2013). Accordingly, the meeting urged all States and Users to provide their inputs to the ICAO MID Regional Office, before **20 September 2013**.
- 2.17 It was highlighted that the first meeting of the ATMM TF provided an opportunity to improve the understanding of the requirements and assigned tasks to the ATMM TF, as well as a forum to share experience and to practice the IFSET.
- 2.18 The meeting encouraged States to organise at national level workshops related to the estimation of environmental benefits accrued for operational improvements with the support of ICAO and other interested stakeholders.

ATMM TF/1 Appendix 2A to the Report on Agenda Item 2

IFSET user's feedback

	User	Difficulty	Suggestion
1	Egypt	The tool requires repeating selection of the scenario name every step in the same scenario. This may lead to a loss of focus or wrong analysis as a result of inserting data in the wrong scenario.	We suggest: to select scenario's name only one time until the end of estimation and generation of the report in a separate file.
2	Egypt	The tool is producing a collective report for all scenarios.	We suggest that: the tool should have an option, either to produce a collective report or single report for each scenario.
3	Egypt	It takes a long time to sort and classify aircraft types according to the tool aircraft categories. As the data available for us contains the ICAO code of aircraft and we must reclassify it by adding a column to excel sheet for the IFSET aircraft categories.	We suggest: to reconsider classifying aircraft into the main 3 categories (heavy, medium and light) or to input the ICAO code directly instead of the current classification.
4	Egypt	The data is manually extracted from ATM database.	We suggest: to create a mechanism to integrate IFSET tool into ATM systems so as to extract the data automatically without any possibility of mistakes.

ATMM TF/1 Appendix 2B to the Report on Agenda Item 2

IFSET REPORT

Scenario	Old Climb Fuel in Kg	New Climb Fuel in Kg	Climb Savings in Kg	Old Descend Fuel in Kg	New Descend Fuel in Kg	Descend Savings in Kg	Old Level Fuel in Kg	New Level Fuel in Kg	Level Savings in Kg	Old Taxi Fuel in Kg	New Taxi Fuel in Kg	Taxi Savings in Kg
NADEB-KATAB	0	0	0	0	0	0	3187200	2793700	-393500	0	0	0
TBA-KITOT	0	0	0	0	0	0	916900	614300	-302600	0	0	0

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 3: FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

- 3.1 The meeting agreed that, in accordance with the MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook, and based on the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the ATMM Task Force, the ATMM TF/2 meeting would be tentatively scheduled for the last quarter of 2014. The actual dates would be determined in due course. The venue would be Cairo, unless a State indicates an interest in hosting the meeting.
- 3.2 The meeting reviewed the ATMM TF Terms of Reference (TOR) as at **Appendix 3A** to the Report on Agenda Item 3 and agreed that few changes might be needed, pending the approval of the new MIDANPIRG Organizational Structure.

ATMM TF/1 Appendix 3A to the Report on Agenda Item 3

AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT-MEASUREMENT TASK FORCE

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- a) follow-up the implementation of the ATM operational improvements required in the Regional Air Navigation Plan (ANP) or in national plans and to place special emphasis on identifying and estimating the fuel savings accrued from the corresponding improvements;
- b) carry out permanent coordination with various MIDANPIRG contributory bodies in order to ensure appropriate integration of all tasks contributing to the estimation of environment benefits related to the implementation of the ANP or national operational improvements;
- c) harmonize, at a regional level, the estimation of the environment benefits from operational improvements in order to reach consistent results;
- d) take into consideration the material prepared by ICAO, develop proposals to keep and upgrade the ICAO Fuel Savings Estimation Tool (IFSET) as necessary; and
- e) the ATM/M TF will Report its progress to CNS/ATM/IC SG.

1.2 Work programme for the ATM/M Task Force shall be to:

- a) improve Airport Accessibility;
- b) improve operations through enhanced En-Route trajectories; and
- c) improve flexibility and efficiency in Decent Profiles (PBN/CDO)

2. COMPOSITION

- 2.1 The Task Force is composed of:
 - a) MIDANPIRG Member States;
 - b) ACAC, CANSO, IACA, IATA, and IFALPA as observers; and
 - c) other representatives from industry and user Organizations could participate as observers whenever required.

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 The meeting recalled that the ATMM TF main task is to estimate the environmental benefits accrued from implemented operational improvements using the IFSET. The meeting underlined the difficulty of the task, which necessitates coordination between different Departments/Units (ATM , Environment, etc) within the States for the collection of data, development of the IFSET scenarios and generation of the IFSET reports. Accordingly, in order to maintain the continuity in the activity of the ATMM TF and increase its efficiency; in accordance with the MIDANPIRG/12 Conclusion 12/2, the meeting invited States to nominate Expert(s)/Specialist(s) as Member(s) of the ATMM TF and ensure their attendance to the ATMM TF meetings to fully contribute to its work in an efficient manner.

ATMM TF/1 Attachment A to the Report

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