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File Ref.: AN 6/34.1 – 15/020

18 January 2015

Subject: First Meeting of the Call Sign Confusion Ad-hoc Working Group (CSC WG/1) (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 16 - 18 February 2015)

Action required: Reply not later than 5 February 2015

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the First Meeting of the Call Sign Confusion Ad-hoc Working Group (CSC WG/1) to be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, from **16 - 18 February 2015**. The exact venue of the meeting will be provided in due course. The CSC WG/1 is gratefully hosted by the Emirates General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA).

The Provisional Agenda and Explanatory Notes for the meeting are at **Attachments A and B**, respectively. Your comments on the attached Provisional Agenda, including any amendment(s) you may wish to suggest, would be appreciated.

The Bulletin describing administrative arrangements for the meeting and other useful information for participants, including the Hotel List will be provided/posted on the ICAO MID website, in due course.

This letter, all its relevant attachments and the Working/Information Papers (as they become available), will be posted in PDF format on the ICAO MID website at: www.icao.int/mid.

You may wish to recall that the call sign confusion and similarity has been identified as a safety issue by the RADG-MID/2 meeting (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 12 – 14 November 2012). Accordingly, the subject was addressed by the ATM SG/1 (Cairo, Egypt, 9-12 June 2014), CNS SG/1 (Tehran, Iran, 9-11 September 2014) and MSG/4 (Cairo, Egypt, 24-26 November 2014) meetings.

Based on the discussions, the MSG/4 meeting, through MSG/4 Decision 4/23, agreed to establish the Call Sign Confusion Ad-hoc Working Group (CSC WG), in order to analyze the results of the survey on the acceptance/processing of flight plans containing “alphanumeric” call signs ending with letter and develop solutions to mitigate the risk associated with call sign confusion and similarity.

Your Administration/Organization is strongly encouraged to actively support the CSC WG/1 meeting by submitting working papers containing your proposal(s) related to the measures that would mitigate the risk associated with call sign confusion and similarity, in electronic format to the ICAO MID Regional Office, prior to **5 February 2015**.

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I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **5 February 2015**, confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by submitting the Nomination Form at **Attachment C** to the ICAO MID Regional Office at the following email address (icaomid@icao.int) with a copy to (ekhoury@icao.int).

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long tail stroke.

for/ Mohamed R.M. Khonji
Regional Director, Cairo

Attachments

**FIRST MEETING OF THE CALL SIGN CONFUSION AD-HOC WORKING GROUP
(CSC WG/1)**

(Abu Dhabi, UAE, 16 - 18 February 2015)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and election of Chairperson
- Agenda Item 2: Introduction
- Agenda Item 3: Mitigation Measures for Call Sign Confusions and Similarities
- Agenda Item 4: Future Work Programme
- Agenda Item 5: Any other Business

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

The meeting will review and adopt as appropriate the provisional agenda for the CSC WG/1 meeting. The meeting will also elect a Chairperson for the CSC WG.

Agenda Item 2: Introduction

The meeting will be apprised of the outcomes of the relevant MIDANPIRG subsidiary bodies related to call sign confusion and similarity.

Agenda Item 3: Mitigation Measures for Call Sign Confusion and Similarity

The meeting will review the results of the Questionnaire circulated to States through State Letter Ref.: AN 6/34-14/332 dated 23 December 2014 and develop solutions and plan of action to mitigate the risk associated with call sign confusion and similarity.

Agenda Item 4: Future Work Programme

The meeting will agree on the future work programme of the CSC WG.

Agenda Item 5: Any other Business

Any other matters not covered by the agenda, might be addressed under this Agenda Item.
