



International Civil Aviation Organization

MIDANPIRG/20 and RASG-MID/10

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Agenda Item 7: Future Work Programme and Dates and Venue of MIDANPIRG/21 and RASG-MID/11

DATES AND VENUE OF MIDANPIRG/21 AND RASG-MID/11

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

The aim of this paper is to discuss the future arrangement and agree on the dates and venue of the MIDANPIRG/21 and RASG-MID/11 meetings.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly, it was decided to align the meeting schedule of the Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) with the annual reporting requirement to the Council. Accordingly, the Council, (C-DEC 219/7), during the Review of Assembly Resolutions and Decisions working paper (C-WP/14983, Rev. 2), implemented the Assembly decision and on 7 August 2020, the President of the ICAO Council approved the amendment of the Terms of Reference of the PIRGs and RASGs to include annual meetings.

1.2 The revised Terms of Reference of the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID amended the frequency of the meetings, and stated that, in close coordination with Chairpersons, at each meeting, the Group should endeavour to agree on the date and duration of its next meeting.

1.3 In accordance with the revised PIRG and RASG Terms of Reference (ToRs), the PIRGs and RASGs meetings should be held back-to-back or combined to facilitate coordination and to ensure the efficient use of resources.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Tentative Schedule of Meetings, Seminars and Workshops related to MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID are available at: <https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/Meetings/meetings2019.aspx> .

2.2 The meeting may wish to recall that further to the Council Decision to organize the PIRGs and RASGs meetings on annual basis, the MIDANPIRG/19 & RASG-MID/9 as well as the MIDANPIRG/20 & RASG-MID/10 were conducted in a combined mode with plenary sessions and parallel tracks for the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID.

2.3 The meeting may wish to assess the efficiency of the current arrangements for the conduct of the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID meetings (4 days with plenary sessions and parallel tracks) and explore if there is a need to change the current arrangement in the future. In this respect, a Survey would be developed by the Secretariat and sent to States in order to measure the effectiveness of the current arrangement and the feedback for changes, if needed.

1.4 Considering the Global and Regional activities and holidays in 2024, it is proposed that the MIDANPIRG/21 and RASG-MID/11 be organized in the 2nd Quarter of 2024 (after Ramadhan).

1.5 Considering that the facilities of the ICAO MID Office could not accommodate the organization of RASG-MID & MIDANPIRG meetings, it is strongly encouraged that a volunteer State propose to host the MIDANPIRG /21 & RASG-MID/11 meetings.

1.6 The RASG-MID/19 meeting noted with appreciation that Saudi Arabia has generously offered to hosting of the Fifth MID Region Safety Summit during the Second Half of 2023. However, due to operational needs, the Summit was postponed to 2024.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) task the Secretariat send a Survey to States to collect/analyse feedback to measure efficiency of the current arrangements for the conduct of the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID meetings and the need for change. The results of the Survey should be presented to MIDANPIRG/21 and RASG-MID/11 meetings; and
- b) agree on the dates and venue of the MIDANPIRG/21 and RASG-MID/11 meetings.
- c) agree on the way forward to organize and host the Fifth MID Region Safety Summit during 2024.

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