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**Second Meeting of the Middle East Regional Aviation Safety Group
(RASG-MID/2)**

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Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

RASG-MID SAFETY SUMMIT

(Presented by IATA)

SUMMARY

This paper proposes the inclusion of a joint IATA/RASG-MID Safety Summit to be held in 2013 in the RASG-MID Work Programme for 2013. The purpose of the RASG-MID Safety Summit is to showcase RASG-MID activities, and provide a platform for the implementation of activities identified under the MID-ASRT and MID-RAST.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 21-22 May 2012, IATA held its Safety and Security Forum at the Intercontinental Hotel, in Bahrain, which was hosted by Bahrain CAA. The Forum brought aviation experts from airlines, airports, regulators, air navigation service providers, and stakeholder organizations for two days of interactive discussions and deliberations on the region's most significant safety and security issues.

1.2 In order to support regional safety activities, IATA will be hosting an annual safety forum which will address regional aviation safety concerns and focus on regional safety initiatives.

1.3 With IATA leading and involved in various initiatives and activities under the RASG-MID, IATA is willing to co-host and sponsor the first MID Safety Summit to be held during 2013.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 It's proposed that the First RASG-MID Safety Summit be co-sponsored by IATA and held in partnership between IATA and RASG-MID.

2.2 As part of the Summit activities, safety partners including IATA, ICAO, AACO, IFALPA, States, and airlines will be sharing their expertise and views on key regional safety concerns, mitigation measures, and the way forward.

2.3 The Summit main topics and activities may include:

- a) an overview of the region's safety statistics;
- b) showcase of RASG-MID initiatives to enhance safety, including SEIs and DIPs;

- c) strategies to address the top aviation safety risk areas in the region; and
- d) training, panel discussions and seminars focused on mitigation strategies for the top data-driven risk areas in the region.

2.4 A draft agenda along with additional details related to the venue and dates of the Summit will be coordinated with the RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC).

2.5 The duration of the summit will be two days of interactive sessions and discussions that are action and results oriented.

2.6 States and Industry working together have made significant strides within the RASG-MID. To continue this positive trend towards a mutual collaboration of safety initiatives, other safety partners are also invited to join efforts in the preparation of this MID Safety Summit, in any of the following ways:

- a) promote the summit and circulate invitations among all stakeholders (local and regional);
- b) support in sponsoring the summit; and
- c) contribute with speakers and topics to the summit.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) endorse the proposal from IATA to sponsor the First RASG-MID MID Safety Summit; and
- b) urge States and safety partners to join efforts in the preparation for the RASG-MID Safety Summit as in para. 2.6.