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Agenda Item 5: Runway Safety Issues

RUNWAY SAFETY TEAM

(Presented by UAE GCAA and IATA)

SUMMARY

Following the outcomes of the Global Runway Safety Symposium held in Montreal in May 2011, ICAO and its Runway Safety Partners organized Regional Runway Safety Seminars (RRSSs) to promote the establishment and enhancement of airport-specific, multidisciplinary Runway Safety Teams (RSTs) in an effort to improve runway safety outcomes.

This working paper highlights the need for the organisation of a second MID Region RRSS and proposes the launch of a regional initiative to accelerate the establishment of RSTs in the MID Region.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 ICAO in coordination with IATA organized the Middle East Regional Runway Safety Seminar (MID-RRSS) in Amman, Jordan from 14-16 May 2012. The Seminar was also supported by the Airport International Group (AIG) of Amman, Boeing, and Federal Aviation Authority (FAA).

1.2 The MID-RRSS consisted of two-days of presentations and a third day for a workshop and airport visit to Queen Alia International Airport.

1.3 The MID-RRSS outcomes included the following:

- 1) States should develop action plans to establish Runway Safety Teams (RSTs). RSTs should be hosted by airports and include, as a minimum, representation from aerodromes, air operators and air traffic controllers;

- 2) ICAO to consider the creation of a Regional RST Go-Team with participation of ICAO Runway Safety partners to assist States with the creation of RSTs;
- 3) Safety Partners to assist/mentor the RSTs by: performing a gap analysis and assessing the areas identified, providing recommendations to support the implementation of RSTs, and supporting RSTs as appropriate; and
- 4) Organization of another Runway Safety Seminar/Workshop in 2013, inter-alia, to provide additional guidance on the establishment and running of RSTs.

1.4 RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC/1) meeting fully supported the establishment of Runway Safety Teams (RSTs) and RASG-MID/2, accordingly, agreed to the following Conclusion:

CONCLUSION 2/4: ESTABLISHMENT OF RUNWAY SAFETY TEAMS

That, States be urged to establish Runway Safety Teams (RST) hosted by airports and including, as a minimum, representation from aerodromes, air operators and air traffic controllers, before 1 March 2013.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1 ICAO and Runway Safety partners agreed to amend the Programme of the RRSSs by reducing the amount of theoretical information delivered and increasing the number of hands-on exercises and soft skills training.

2.2 Five RRSSs events will be organized in 2014. These events will be held in the 5 RASG Regions, namely Pan America, Asia/Pacific, Europe/North Atlantic, Africa and Middle East.

2.3 Within the framework of RASG-MID, and in connection with the developed SEIs and DIPs under MID-RAST, it was agreed that there's a need to organise an RST Workshop to:

- 1) raise awareness about RSTs and the ICAO RST Manual;
- 2) share experience and lessons learned from already established RSTs in the MID Region and other Regions; and
- 3) kick-off an initiative of transferring knowledge and lessons learned into all airports in our region and accelerate the implementation of local RSTs within the context of RST Go-Teams.

2.4 Most of MID States have not yet established RSTs. Taking into consideration the Region need for a Second Runway Safety Seminar, the meeting may wish to agree to the following Draft Conclusion:

DRAFT CONCLUSION 9/XX: SECOND REGIONAL RUNWAY SAFETY SEMINAR (RRSS)

That,

- a) the Second MID REGIONAL RUNWAY SAFETY SEMINAR (RRSS) be organised by ICAO in partnership with IATA and other interested safety partners, during the first half of 2014;*
- b) the ICAO MID Regional Office coordinate with UAE the hosting of the Seminar; and*
- c) the agenda of the RRSS take into account the RASG-MID work programme related to Runway safety, in particular the SEIs and DIPs related to RSTs.*

2.5 To accelerate the establishment of RSTs in the MID Region, the second RRSS-MID will be used as a platform to launch an RST Go Team initiative. Objectives, composition, and coordination process of the RST Go-Team would be addressed within the framework of RASG-MID.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 This meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information in this paper;
- b) agree on the Draft Conclusion in para. 2.4; and
- c) support the launch of the RST Go Teams Initiative in the MID Region.

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