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Agenda Item 5: Regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation

PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

(Presented by IATA and CANSO)

SUMMARY

The ME Airspace User & Stakeholder Engagement Initiative (MEAUSE) was inaugurated in 2010 in partnership between CANSO, IATA, and Regional ANSPs and airlines with the aim to establish a constant and regular engagement mechanism among the various members of the aviation value chain in the Middle East.

This document outlines a framework for regular engagement and consultation driven by the MEAUSE initiative in the MID Region.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 4.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The MEAUSE Initiative is the First and only forum in the Middle East where all aviation stakeholders can meet to exchange views and share best practice examples, develop and agree on joint solutions and promote and facilitate the application of jointly agreed guidance material.

1.2. The main objective of MEAUSE is to:

- a) Establish a platform for stakeholder engagement, the exchange of best practice and learning in the Middle East.
- b) Establish a mechanism for stakeholder consultation in the Middle East to better align visions and future plans of ANSPs and their stakeholders, in particular the Airspace Users.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 NATURE OF CONSULTATION

2.1.1. Successful collaboration and cooperation between ANSPs, airspace users, airports, regulators, manufacturing industry, and regional and global organizations are paramount for the sound development of air transport. Consultation and cooperation lead to increase the mutual understanding across the aviation value chain, thereby improving efficiency and cost-effectiveness in the provision and operation of air navigation services with all the parties striving to move in the same direction.

2.1.2. Effective consultation will help all parties involved to:

- a) Prioritize investments and to ensure that adequate capacity and services will be provided to meet the demand of current and future users.
- b) Support of strategic objectives of all partners in the aviation value chain.
- c) Improve and support the national and regional aviation sector.

2.1.3. Within the framework of MEAUSE consultation and engagement activities will be launched to ensure collaboration and constructive engagement are achieved on national, intra-national, regional, and intra-regional level.

2.1.4. MEAUSE Consultation/Engagement meetings will remain as informal gathering of representatives of the aviation value chain in the MID Region and other regions, to support MID Region collaboration and cooperation at resolving ATM related issues and challenges.

2.1.5. The effectiveness of such Consultation/Engagement meetings is heavily dependent upon a free exchange between the members of MEAUSE, ANSPs, airports, regulators, airspace users, industry stakeholders, and International Organizations.

2.2 PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

2.2.1. A Consultation/Engagement meeting or event might be:

- a) A bilateral meeting between two main stakeholder to resolve a specific or focused issue
- b) A meeting among two or more States involving States' ANSPs, airports, and airspace users to discuss intra-State coordination or collaboration
- c) Regional meetings or workshops on specific ATM improvement topic that requires stakeholders collaboration
- d) A Kick-off meeting or workshop for specific pilot projects to enhance stakeholder engagements and collaboration such as implementation of CRM, A-CDM, etc.
- e) Workshops attached to a MEAUSE Meeting or a MEAUSE Conference
- f) Civil-Military coordination meetings
- g) Intra-regional coordination meetings

2.2.2. ICAO MID Office will be provided with a standing invitation to attend, as an observer, all MEAUSE meetings, or MEAUSE sub-group, working group or task force meetings. MEAUSE reports will also be provided to the ICAO MID Office at Cairo, and will be presented by the MEAUSE Chair or Vice Chair at the relevant ICAO MID meetings.

2.2.3. MEAUSE will refer to ICAO MID Office for Intra-regional coordination meetings to be organized.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1. This meeting is invited to:

- a) encourage States to support the MEAUSE Initiative;
- b) support the proposal for consultation and engagement meetings;
- c) support MEAUSE consultation/engagement meetings by:
 - i. taking part in the organized meetings;
 - ii. volunteer to host and sponsor meetings; and
 - iii. submit working papers and presentations at the meetings in spirit of exchanging views and sharing best practices; and
- d) support organizing regular intra-regional coordination meetings for alignment and harmonization.

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