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MIDANPIRG STEERING GROUP

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Agenda Item 5: Air Navigation Deficiencies and Safety Matters

REVIEW OF AIR NAVIGATION DEFICIENCIES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the current status of air navigation deficiencies in the MID Region and invites the meeting to take appropriate action to improve the situation.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- MIDANPIRG/13 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The standard definition of deficiency adopted by the ICAO Council in November 2001 should be used as basis to avoid different interpretations of the problems raised, which could be classified as complaints/mission findings rather than deficiencies:

“A Deficiency is a situation where a facility, service or procedure does not comply with a regional air navigation plan approved by the Council, or with related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices, and which situation has a negative impact on the safety, regularity and /or efficiency of international civil aviation.”

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to recall that MIDANPIRG/13 noted with concern that many deficiencies continue to persist for a number of years. The following was highlighted with regard to the root causes of non elimination of air navigation deficiencies in the MID Region in general:

2.2 As a follow-up action to MIDANPIRG/13 Conclusion 13/63 *Elimination of Air Navigation Deficiencies in the MID Region*, the ICAO MID Regional Office circulated the State Letter Ref.: AN 2/2 – 12/189 dated 21 June 2012 to all States requesting them to review their list of air navigation deficiencies, define their root causes and forward to an action plan for rectification of the outstanding deficiencies to the ICAO MID Regional Office, not later than 31 August 2012. States were also strongly encouraged to use the online facility offered by the MID Air Navigation Deficiency Database (MANDD) for submitting online requests for addition, update and elimination of air navigation deficiencies.

2.3 The MANDD can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.cairo.icao.int/>.

2.4 The analysis of the MID States' air navigation deficiencies shows that the current total number of air navigation deficiencies in MID Air Navigation Deficiency Database (MANDD) is **157** deficiencies compared to **153** deficiencies approved by MIDANPIRG/13, distributed by air navigation fields as follows:

- **AOP: 20** deficiencies, (13%)
- **AIS: 37** deficiencies, (24%)
- **ATM: 45** deficiencies, (28%)
- **CNS: 15** deficiencies, (10%)
- **SAR: 40** deficiencies, (25%)

2.5 The figures above indicate that the air navigation deficiencies are increasing in the MID Region, which requires urgent corrective action by States.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) explore ways and means to alleviate air navigation deficiencies in the MID Region; and
- b) urge States to provide updates on the status of their deficiencies using MANDD prior to 15 September 2013.

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