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**Third Meeting of the RASG-MID Steering Committee
(RSC/3)**

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Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

STUDY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RSOO(S)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides a progress report on the study related to the establishment of RSOO(s) for the ACAC and ICAO MID States, in accordance with the Strategy for the establishment of RSOO(s) endorsed by the DGCA-MID/2 meeting.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- RASG-MID/3 Report.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ACAC/ICAO Seminar/Workshop on Regional Safety Oversight Programmes, which was held in Rabat, Morocco, from 10 to 12 December 2012, agreed that ICAO would support the ACAC General Assembly Decision to conduct a study on the establishment of RSOO (s) for the benefit of the ACAC and ICAO MID States and developed a draft strategy on the subject.

1.2 Through the DGCA-MID/2 Conclusion 2/10, the DGCA-MID/2 meeting (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 20- 22 May 2013) endorsed the Strategy for the establishment of RSOO(s) and agreed that ICAO support ACAC in conducting a study on the establishment of RSOO(s) for the ACAC and ICAO MID States.

1.3 The RASG-MID/3 meeting (Kuwait, 27-29 January 2014) noted that in accordance with the Strategy for the establishment of RSOO(s), a step-by-step approach would be followed:

- **Phase 1**, an initial Questionnaire to be sent to the ACAC and ICAO MID States in order to get their commitment to participate in the study. It is to be highlighted that the replies to this questionnaire serve as the basis for the planning of visits to States by an appropriate Consultant during Phase 2 of the Study.

- **Phase 2**, an appropriate Consultant to analyse the replies to the Questionnaire, plan and conduct visits to the States that show interest and commitment and develop a report on the study providing recommendations for the establishment of the RSOO(s) including legal, political, organizational, and financial frameworks.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The ICAO MID Regional Office developed a Project Document, outlining the Study's scope, output, phases and the logistic arrangements, which was greed by ACAC.

2.2 According to Phase 1, a simplified Questionnaire was sent to the ACAC and ICAO MID States which were advised that those States that would submit a completed Questionnaire showing a commitment to participate in the Study will be covered by the Study.

2.3 Thirteen (13) States replied to the Questionnaire and confirmed their commitment to participate in the Study (Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, UAE and Yemen).

2.4 In order to start Phase 2 of the Study, ACAC, in coordination with ICAO, developed a contract to be signed by ACAC and the selected Consultant. The Consultant will conduct visits to the committed States in accordance with an agreed plan of visits developed in coordination with ACAC and ICAO, in order to collect necessary information using a detailed Questionnaire. It is envisioned that the visits will start mid of January 2015.

2.5 Based on the analysis of the collected information from visited States, the Consultant will study suitable and viable options for the organizational, financial and legal frameworks of the proposed RSOO(s) for ACAC and ICAO MID States, with reference to current economic and political arrangements/groupings in the Region (*Note: depends on the needs of States, the established priorities and the level of resources, more than one RSOO might be established with different objectives and scope of activities*).

2.6 The Consultant will develop a Report on the Study including detailed recommendations for the establishment of the RSOO(s) including legal, political, organizational, and financial frameworks with a work plan indicating clear deliverables and timelines.

2.7 The Final Report on the Study will be provided to the Director General of ACAC, for presentation to the ACAC Executive Committee; and to the Regional Director of the ICAO MID Regional Office, for presentation to the DGCA-MID/3 meeting for their review and agreement on the way forward.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the progress achieved for the conduct of the study on the establishment of RSOO(s) , and take action as appropriate; and
- b) urge the committed States to support the conduct of the Study and facilitate the visits to be conducted by the Consultant to collect the required information.