



International Civil Aviation Organization

**Special Coordination Meeting on the Implementation of ATM
Contingency Arrangements (SCM-IACA)**

(Cairo, Egypt, 24 - 25 September 2014)

Agenda Item 2: Presentation of States and Users Concerns and Challenges

**IMPACT OF OTHER REGIONS CONTINGENCY PLANNING
ON THE MID REGION**

(Presented by IATA)

SUMMARY

This paper presented by IATA addresses ongoing contingency planning in other Regions that may impact the MID Region

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Globally, contingency arrangements are being drawn up and in some cases may not be confined to an individual Region.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The possible closure of airspace such as Afghanistan may result in traffic being forced to route through the MID Region. In the case of European/SE Asian traffic flow, if Afghanistan airspace is closed for overflying, the traffic will be forced over either China or Iran.

2.2 The meeting may wish to discuss the impact of additional traffic to already saturated airspace in the MID Region. In the circumstances where other Regions have options, discussions should be initiated to ensure any additional traffic can be safely and efficiently managed.

2.3 The meeting is encouraged to discuss the formulation of processes to ensure Regions contingency arrangements are not developed in isolation to surrounding Regions that may be affected by the change.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING:

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) consider the many reasons that may cause additional contingency measures to be put in to effect including but not limited to:
 - airspace closure;

- severe weather; and
- significant reduction in capacity due to equipment outages, labour disputes.

Note 1 - the above mentioned can lead to the implementation of contingency arrangements in the MID Region or a neighbouring ICAO Region that has an ability to create a regional and inter-regional effect.

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