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Subject:Seventh Meeting of the MIDANPIRG Communication, Navigation and
Surveillance Sub-Group (CNS SG/7)
(Cairo, Egypt, 31 May - 02 June 2016)

Action required: Reply not later than 10 May 2016

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the Seventh meeting of the MIDANPIRG CNS Sub-Group (CNS SG/7) to be held at the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt, 31 May - 02 June 2016.

The Provisional Agenda for the meeting and Terms of Reference of the CNS Sub-Group are at **Attachments A** and **B** respectively. Your comments on the attached Provisional Agenda, including any amendment(s) you may wish to suggest, would be appreciated.

The Bulletin describing administrative arrangements for the meeting and other useful information for participants, including the Hotel List is at **Attachment C**.

This letter and all its relevant attachments and working/information papers (as they become available), will be posted in PDF format on the ICAO MID website at: <u>http://www.icao.int/mid/</u>.

I would like to highlight that the CNS SG/7 meeting will review the MIDAMC STG/3 meeting report, the outcomes of the MID IP Network and Joint ACAC/ICAO GNSS Workshops and propose appropriate actions. The meeting will address also issues related to aeronautical fixed services network, implementation of ADS-B, B0-FICE, B0-ACAS, aeronautical frequency spectrum and the frequency finder software implementation in the MID Region, etc.

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The meeting will undertake a review and update of the list of air navigation deficiencies in the CNS field. In this regard, you are kindly requested to ensure that your designated delegates review the deficiencies related to your State prior to the meeting, with a view to provide the meeting with updated information regarding proposed corrective actions and target dates.

In view of the above, your Administration/Organization is encouraged to participate actively in the work of the meeting by submitting working and/or information papers and presentation(s) addressing your States' CNS implementation and planning matters, including the challenges/difficulties faced during the implementation process, and any other subject contained in the Provisional Agenda. I would be grateful to receive your papers in an electronic format prior to **10 May 2016**, in order to allow time for processing and advance posting on the web.

I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **10 May 2016**, confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by submitting the Nomination Form at **Attachment D** to the following email address (<u>icaomid@icao.int</u>) with a copy to (<u>rgulam@icao.int</u>).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mohamed Khalifa Rahma Regional Director, Cairo

Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

SEVENTH MEETING OF THE MIDANPIRG CNS SUB-GROUP

(CNS SG/7)

(Cairo, Egypt, 31 May - 02 June 2016)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1:	Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and election of Chairpersons				
Agenda Item 2:	Follow-up on MIDANPIRG/15 and other meetings Conclusions and Decisions relevant to CNS				
Agenda Item 3:	Global Developments related to CNS				
Agenda Item 4:	CNS planning and implementation in the MID Region				
	 AFS and MIDAMC activities MID IP Network (CRV) (Common aeRonautical VPN B0-FICE, B0-ACAS implementation; ADS-B OUT plans and implementation issues; GNSS planning and implementation; frequency spectrum management related issues – introduction of Frequency Finder software and criteria for Regional VHF Spectrum Coordination; Surveillance (SSR, ADS-B, MLAT etc.) related issues; and review and update the MID eANP and MID Region Air Navigation Strategy Parts related to CNS. 				
Agenda Item 5:	Review of Air Navigation Deficiencies in the CNS Field				
Agenda Item 6:	Future Work Programme				
Agenda Item 7:	Any other business.				

COMMUNICATION, NAVIGATION AND SURVEILLANCE SUB-GROUP

(CNS SG)

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.1 The Terms of Reference of the CNS Sub-Group are:

- a) ensure that the implementation of CNS in the MID Region is coherent and compatible with developments in adjacent Regions, and is in line with the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) methodology and the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy;
- b) monitor the status of implementation of the MID Region CNS-related ASBU Modules included in the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy as well as other required CNS supporting infrastructure, identify the associated difficulties and deficiencies and provide progress reports, as required;
- c) keep under review the MID Region CNS performance objectives/priorities, develop action plans to achieve the agreed performance targets and propose changes to the MID Region CNS plans/priorities, modernization programmes through the ANSIG, as appropriate;
- d) seek to achieve common understanding and support from all stakeholders and involved in or affected by the CNS developments/activities in the MID Region;
- e) provide a platform for harmonization of developments and deployments of CNS facilities and procedures within Region and inter regional;
- f) monitor and review the latest developments in the area of CNS, provide expert inputs for CNS-related issues; and propose solutions for meeting ATM operational requirements;
- g) follow-up the developments of ICAO position for future ITU World Radio Communication (WRC) Conferences and provide expert advises to States;
- h) follow-up the establishment of the MID ATS Message Management Center (MIDAMC);
- i) provide regular progress reports to the ANSIG and MIDANPIRG concerning its work programme; and
- j) review periodically its Terms of Reference and propose amendments, as necessary.

1.2 In order to meet the Terms of Reference, the CNS Sub-Group shall:

- a) provide necessary assistance and guidance to States to ensure harmonization and interoperability in line with the GANP, the MID ANP and ASBU methodology;
- b) provide necessary inputs to the MID Air Navigation Strategy through the monitoring of the agreed Key Performance Indicators related to CNS facilities and procedures;
- c) identify and review those specific deficiencies and problems that constitute major obstacles to the provision of efficient CNS implementation, and recommend necessary remedial actions;
- d) lead the work programme of the MID-AMC including the conduct of trainings and upgrades;
- e) assist, coordinate, harmonize and support in the implementation of CNS facilities and procedures;
- f) seek States support to ICAO Position at WRCs, and encourage States for the proper utilization of the Frequency Spectrum and Interrogation Code Allocations;
- g) update ATN Plan as necessary MID Region and assist in its implementation conduct; and
- h) follow-up surveillance technologies implementation to be in line with the surveillance strategy and MID operational improvements in coordination with other Sub-Groups and coordinate Interrogation Code Allocations.

2. Composition

- 2.1 The Sub-Group is composed of:
 - a) MIDANPIRG Member States;
 - b) concerned International and Regional Organizations as observers; and
 - c) other representatives from provider States and Industry may be invited on ad-hoc basis, as observers, when required.

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MIDANPIRG Communication, Navigation and Surveillance Sub-Group

Seventh Meeting (CNS SG/7) (Cairo, Egypt, 31 May - 02 June 2016)

BULLETIN

1. LOCATION

1.1 The Seventh Meeting of the MIDANPIRG Communication, Navigation and Surveillance Sub-Group (CNS SG/7) will be held at the Meeting Room of the ICAO Middle East Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, 31 May - 02 June 2016.

2. SCHEDULE OF THE MEETING

2.1 The opening session of the Meeting will be held at 0900 hours on Tuesday 31 May 2016.

2.2 The schedule and order of the day will be announced at the opening session.

2.3 The Meeting will be conducted in English.

3. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

3.1 Participants are requested to register, at the Registration Desk located at the entrance of the Meeting Hall, between 0830 and 0900 hours on the opening day of the Meeting. Participants are also requested to wear the identification badge, which will be issued to them during registration.

4. DOCUMENTATION

4.1 Please note that no documentation will be available in hard copy format. However, working and information papers related to the meeting will be available on the ICAO MID Regional Office website at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Accordingly, participants are requested to download the documentation from the web and bring along their own hard copies or their laptops to the meeting, as appropriate.

5. ICAO MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL OFFICE

MID OFFICE LOCATION

5.1 The ICAO Middle East Regional Office is located at the Egyptian Ministry of Civil Aviation Complex, Airport Road, Cairo. The telephone numbers are: (202) 2267 4841/5/6, the e-mail address is: icaomid@icao.int and website is http://icao.int/mid.

WORKING HOURS

5.2 The working hours of the ICAO Regional Office are 0730-1430.

5.3 The list of Officers in the ICAO Regional Office is given in Page 4.

6. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

6.1 Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations. A list of hotels with ICAO corporate rates is attached for your convenience with telephone/fax numbers and addresses. Kindly note that hotel rates are subject to change for the year 2016.

7. TRANSPORTATION

7.1 Although we would very much wish to welcome you at Cairo Airport, it will not be possible to meet participants on arrival and provide transportation. Participants are, therefore, requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport to the city and return.

7.2 Airport taxi services (Misr Limousine) operate private limousine services from the airport to Cairo city, at L.E. 90.00 approx. per vehicle. Public taxi service is also available, at a cost of approximately L.E. 60.00 (negotiable), at the taxi stand at the airport.

7.3 **Bus Transportation**

7.3.1 Free bus services **will only be provided** from the venue of the Meeting back to the following hotels:

Intercontinental, City Stars Le Meridien Heliopolis Fairmont Hotel Heliopolis (ex-Sheraton) Radisson Blu Iberotel Le Passage (ex Movenpick) Airport Novotel Hotel Airport Le Meridien Airport

Buses will be available after the close of the daily sessions. Departure is tentatively scheduled at 14:30

8. INSURANCE

8.1 Participants are advised to have insurance coverage for any unexpected contingency including transport hazards (taxi, buses, rented cars etc.) and Medical Coverage.

9. SOME USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

PASSPORT/VISA

9.1 All foreign nationals entering Egypt must possess valid passports or other valid documents for travel.

VISA

9.2 Visa, when needed, should be obtained from the Egyptian's Embassy or Consulate in the Country of Origin/Residence prior to departure for Egypt.

CUSTOMS

9.3 The following items may be brought into Egypt duty free:

Personal effects, such as necessary clothing 200 cigarettes or 250 gr. of cigars or tobacco 1 liter alcoholic beverages Perfume for personal use

Additional quantities of the above items may also be purchased from Cairo Airport duty free shop after clearing customs.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

9.4 The main daily maximum and minimum temperatures for the month of May are 30°C and 25°C.

10. CURRENCY, CREDIT CARDS AND BANKING SERVICES

10.1 The unit of currency in Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (L.E.), which in denominations of 100, 50, 20, 10, 5 and 1 L.E. 1 pound comprises 100 piasters. Current UN rate of exchange for US is approx. US 1 = L.E. 8.88 for March 2016.

10.2 International Credit Cards, such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa, Master Charge, Carte Blanche, etc. are usually accepted at most hotels, department stores and restaurants.

10.3 All commercial banks exchange major foreign currencies and are open 0830-1400 hours Sundays through Thursdays.

11. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

SHOPPING

11.1 Be prepared to bargain in small shops, sidewalk vendors etc. In large stores, however, the prices are fixed.

TAP WATER

11.2 It is recommended that all visitors drink only bottled water/beverages.

12. OTHER ASSISTANCE

12.1 The ICAO Regional Office will be glad to assist participants with any advice they may require.

LIST OF OFFICERS IN THE ICAO MID REGIONAL OFFICE, CAIRO

NAME	TITLE		
Mr. M. Khalifa Rahma	Regional Director (RD)		
Mr. M. Smaoui	Deputy Regional Director (DEPRD)		
	ADMINISTRATION		
Mrs. T. Qatami	Administrative Officer (AO)		
	TECHNICAL OFFICERS		
Mr. R. Gulam	Regional Officer, Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS)		
Mr. A. Ramlawi	Regional Officer, Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA)		
Mr. M. Alblowi	Regional Officer, Flight Safety (FLS)		
Mr. E. El Khoury	Regional Officer, Air Traffic Management/Search and Rescue (ATM/SAR)		
Mr. A. Niknejad	Regional Officer, Aeronautical Information Management/Air Traffic Management (AIM/ATM)		

LIST OF HOTELS WITH ICAO CORPORATE RATES

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE THEIR OWN RESERVATION(S). (ICAO MID REGIONAL OFFICE DOES NOT TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOTEL RESERVATION OR CONFLICT (S) BETWEEN PARTICIPANTS AND THE HOTEL)

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HOTEL	RATE US \$	ADDRESS	TELEFAX NO.	E-MAIL	TELEPHONE NUMBER(s)	TRANSPORTATION BY TAXI TO MID OFFICE (fare)
Hotel Heliopolis (Fairmont)	Heliopolis Room \$115.00S-\$130.00D Fairmont Room \$150.00S-\$165.00D Fairmont View Room \$170.00S-\$185.00D Above Rates include -Breakfast basis -Service Charges & Taxes **	Orouba Street Heliopolis	(202) 22677600 Attention Reservation Department	<u>hli.reservations@fairmont.com</u> Cc <u>hli.sales@fairmont.com</u>	(202) 22677730/40	40
Radisson Blu Hotel	Standard Room US\$90.00 S&D Business Room US\$140.00 S&D Including breakfast	Abdel Hamid Badawi St. Sheraton Area Heliopolis	(202) 26965657	reservations.cairo@radissonblu.com cc Sales.cairo@radissonblu.com www.radissonblu.com	(202) 26965655 26965656	40
Le Meridien Cairo Airport	Deluxe Room US\$95.00 S US\$115.00 D #Club \$145.00S \$165D #Bed & Breakfast inclusive *	Terminal 3, Cairo Airport – Heliopolis	(202) 22659700	Hesham.amin@starwoodhotels.com Cellular: 2 0100 999 9326 Cc: reservations.03265@lemeridien.com or visit website http://www.lemeridiencairoairport.com	(202) 22659600	30
The Gabriel Hotel	Deluxe Room S120.00 S & 135.00 D Deluxe Suite \$243.00S & \$262 D Inclusive continental breakfast	Suncity, Autostrad Road	(202) 26960701	reservations@thegabrielhotel.com cc dino.bustani@thebabrielhotel.com www.Thegabrielhotel.com	Direct (202) 26960700	30

HOTEL	RATE US \$	ADDRESS	TELEFAX NO.	E-MAIL	TELEPHONE NUMBER(s)	TRANSPORTATION BY TAXI TO MID OFFICE (fare)
Novotel Cairo Airport	Standard US \$70.00S US \$80.00D Superior US\$85.00S US\$95.00 (B&B) Incl. Service Charges & Taxes *	Cairo Airport	(202) 22914794/26373530 <i>Attention:</i> Reservation Dept	H0502@ACCOR.Com Cc H0502-sb@accor.com Cellular 20 100 172 7171	(202) 22696714	30
Iberotel Le Passage	Superior US\$100.00 S US\$110.00r D Deluxe Room US \$115.00 S US\$125.00 D Executive Club Room US\$140.00S or US\$150.00D Inclusive of Service Charge & Taxes */**	Cairo Airport	(202) 24180761 <i>Attention:</i> Reservations Dept.	Reservations@lepassage-hotels.com & wsalah.sm@lepassage-hotels.com	(202) 22929626 direct reservation or Direct Operator 22919400 22670099 22929635	30
Intercontinental Citystars	Standard US\$110.00 Bed only US\$125.00 Bed & Breakfast Club Intercontinental Room & Business Suite US\$180.00 Bed only US\$195.00 Bed & Breakfast Club Int. Deluxe Room US\$200.00 Bed only US\$215.00 Bed & Breakfast Supplement of U\$30.00 for double occupancy per room & US\$70.00 for Club Intercontinental per night	PO Box 1026 Cairo, Egypt	(202) 24800480	res.citystars@ihg.com <u>cc</u> noha.elbahrawy@interconticitystars.com <u>Cellular</u> : (202) 01001633252	(202) 24800100 Ext 38	60

HOTEL	RATE US \$	ADDRESS	TELEFAX NO.	E-MAIL	TELEPHONE NUMBER(s)	TRANSPORTATION BY TAXI TO MID OFFICE (fare)
Holiday Inn Cairo Citystars	Standard US\$80.00 Bed only US\$90.00 Bed & Breakfast Superior US\$110.00 Bed only US\$120.00 Bed & Breakfast Executive Room US\$130.00 Bed only 140.00 Bed & Breakfast Superior Suite US\$155.00 Bed only US\$165.00 Bed and Breakfast Supplement of US\$20.00 for double occupancy& 50.00 for Executive Suites	PO Box 1026 Cairo, Egypt	(202) 24800480	cc tamer.alaa@ihg.com Cellular (202) 012 22 270 106	(202) 24800100 Ext 38	60

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- To benefit from ICAO corporate kindly make sure to mention in your reservation request that you are a Participant in an ICAO Meeting, Seminar or Workshop.
- All above rates are subject to 12% service charge, 10% sales tax and 2% municipality tax.
- Method of payment should be stated in reservation request.
- In case of booking on guest account a credit card number as well as its expiry date should be submitted in order to guarantee the reservation.
- Special corporate rates are not valid during conferences or events, in which special conference rates will be applied.

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN HOTELS ONLY:

- * Complimentary meet and assist at Cairo International Airport (upon request 48 hours prior notice and full flight details are clearly forwarded).
- ** Free transportation from and to Cairo International Airport (scheduled shuttle bus service), full flight details to be provided to ensure the maximum level of service.
- *** Complimentary down town shuttle bus transportation several times a day.
- X One night cancellation fees will be charged in case of no show. Also, the hotel will reserve the right to release the booking 48 hours before the arrival date in case reservation was not guaranteed by either credit card or payment or a voucher.
- XX Meet and assist or transportation Service to/from Cairo Intl Airport can be arranged against charge. Requests can be sent via fax to the Reservation Department with at least 24 hours prior to arrival and need to be guaranteed by credit card.
- N.B. No ICAO corporate rates will be applicable upon arrival if no <u>PRIOR</u> reservations have been made, following above procedure. <u>Also no reservation</u> is made on the web (online) published rate as this will prevent from obtaining ICAO Corporate rates.