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14 December 2016

**Subject: Sixth Meeting of the MID OPMET Bulletin Management Group
(MID OPMET BMG/6)
(Kuwait, 14 February 2017)**

Action Required: Reply not later than 1 February 2017

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the MIDANPIRG/16 Invitation Letter Ref.: ME 3 – 16/327 dated 15 November 2016; please note that the Sixth Meeting of the MID OPMET Bulletin Management Group (MID OPMET BMG/6) will be held concurrently with the MIDANPIRG/16 meeting on **14 February 2017** in the same venue **Crown Plaza Hotel - Kuwait**.

It would be highly appreciated if you could ensure that your MET/BMG Focal Point would be part of your delegation attending the MIDANPIRG/16 meeting, in order to participate in the discussions related to the MET field and to participate in the BMG/6 meeting.

The provisional agenda for the MID OPMET BMG/6 meeting is at **Attachment A**. Your comments on the attached provisional agenda, including any amendment(s) you may wish to suggest, would be appreciated. The Hotel list and Bulletin describing administrative arrangements for the meeting, including the procedure related to the application for entry visa to Kuwait is at **Attachment B**.

The MID OPMET BMG/6 meeting will be apprised of progress related to the implementation of Regional OPMET Centre (ROC) Jeddah and back-up ROC Bahrain. The meeting will review SIGMET guidance in light of Amendment 77 to Annex 3 as well as SIGMET test results and procedures on future special air-report tests. The meeting is expected to review and update the list of air navigation deficiencies related to the MET field. The meeting is also expected to begin developing an implementation plan with reference to exchanging OPMET data in ICAO Meteorological Information Exchange Model (IWXXM).

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In view of the above, your Administration/Organization is encouraged to participate actively in the work of the MID OPMET BMG/6 meeting by submitting working and/or information papers covering some of the subjects contained in the provisional agenda. I would be grateful to receive your papers in an electronic format prior to **1 February 2017**, in order to allow time for reviewing before posting on the website. Your email should be addressed to icaomid@icao.int with a copy to ckeohan@paris.icao.int.

I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **1 February 2017**, confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by submitting the Nomination Form at **Attachment C** to the ICAO MID Regional Office at the following email address (icaomid@icao.int).

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Mohamed Khalifa Rahma
Middle East Regional Director

Attachments

MID OPMET BMG/6 MEETING

(Kuwait, 14 February 2017)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1: Provisional Agenda
- Agenda Item 2: Status of regional and inter-regional OPMET exchange and implementation of Regional OPMET Centre (ROC) Jeddah and back-up ROC Bahrain
- Agenda Item 3: Regional OPMET bulletin exchange procedures and associated guidance
- Agenda Item 4: SIGMET tests and future special air-report tests – MID States
- Agenda Item 5: SIGMET guidance in light of Amendment 77 to Annex 3
- Agenda Item 6: Review and update the list of air navigation deficiencies related to MET
- Agenda Item 7: Implementation of ICAO Meteorological Information Exchange Model (IWXXM)
- Agenda Item 8: Future Work Programme
- Agenda Item 9: Any other Business



International Civil Aviation Organization

**Six Meeting of the MID OPMET Bulletin
Management Group**

**(MID OPMET BMG/6)
(Kuwait, 14 February 2017)**

BULLETIN

1. LOCATION

1.1 The Six Meeting of the MID OPMET Bulletin Management Group (MID OPMET BMG/6) will be held in Kuwait, 14 February 2016. The Meeting will take place at **Crown Plaza hotel**.

2. SCHEDULE OF THE WORKSHOP

2.1 The opening session of the Meeting will be held at 09:00 hours on Tuesday 14 February 2017.

2.2 The daily schedule and the 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 designated conference room, between 0800 and 0900 hours on the opening day of the Workshop. Participants are also requested to wear the Identification which will be issued to them during registration.

4. DOCUMENTATION

4.1 Kindly note that no documentation in hard copy will be available. Participants are requested to download the documentation from the ICAO Website <http://www.icao.int/mid> and bring along their own hard copies or their laptops to the Meeting, as appropriate.

5. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

5.1 Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations.

6. TRANSPORTATION

6.1 Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport to the city and return.

6.2 Airport Taxi Services are available from the Airport to Kuwait downtown and takes approx. 15-30 Minutes.

7. INSURANCE

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

8. SOME USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

PASSPORT/VISA

8.1 All foreign nationals entering Kuwait must possess valid passports for six months.

8.2 It is mandatory that all participants obtain official visas from the Kuwait Embassy or Consulate in their country prior to their departure for Kuwait.

CUSTOMS

8.3 The following items are allowed to be brought into Kuwait:

- a) Personal gifts with a value not exceeding (NO LIMIT).
- b) Additional quantities of the above items may also be purchased from the Airport duty free shop after clearing customs (NO LIMIT).

9. CURRENCY, CREDIT CARDS AND BANKING SERVICES

9.1 The unit of currency in Kuwait is Kuwaiti Dinar. The current rate of exchange for US \$ is US \$ 1= 0.301995 Kuwaiti Dinar.

9.2 There are no restrictions on import of foreign currency.

9.3 International Credit Cards, such as American Express, Visa, Master Card, etc, are usually accepted at most hotels, department stores and restaurants.

9.4 All commercial banks exchange major foreign currencies and are open from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Sundays through Thursdays.

10. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

SHOPPING

10.1 Shopping areas are available in Kuwait. Be prepared to bargain in small shops, sidewalk vendors etc. In large stores, however, the prices are fixed.

TAP WATER

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

11. WEATHER CONDITIONS

11.1 The main daily minimum and maximum temperatures for the month of February in Kuwait are between Min 9°C to Max 20°C.

12. OTHER ASSISTANCE

12.1 The DGCA Kuwait will be glad to assist the participants to the Meeting with any advice they may require.

12.2 In case of emergency in Kuwait, please contact Focal Point from the DGCA Kuwait:

Mr. Ghazi Altaher

Mobile: +965 9968 4647

E-mail: gf.altaher@dgca.gov.kw

LIST OF HOTELS WITH KUWAIT CORPORATE RATES

HOTEL	RATE US \$	ADDRESS	TELEFAX NO.	E-MAIL	TELEPHONE NUMBER R(s)	TRANSPORTATION BY TAXI TO THE MEETING VENUE (Minutes)

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