



International Civil Aviation Organization

RASG-MID Steering Committee

Fifth Meeting (RSC/5)

(Amman, Jordan, 23-25 January 2017)

Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

ESTABLISHMENT OF MENA-RSOO

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the progress made in establishing MENA-RSOO.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- DGCA-MID/3 Report
- RASG-MID/5 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The primary objective of MENA RSOO would be to assist its member States to develop and implement State Safety Programme (SSP). The MENA RSOO would also, on the demand of individual States, provide assistance to improve States' safety oversight capabilities. The RSOO should perform its duties and functions within the framework of the GASP and should be fully aligned with the RASGs' priorities and objectives.

1.2 Nine (9) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Morocco, Qatar and Saudi Arabia) have signed the letter of Intent related to the establishment of the MENA RSOO during the DGCA-MID/3 meeting held in Doha, Qatar, in April 2015.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to recall that the RASG-MID/5 meeting (Doha, 22-24 May 2016) reiterated that MENA RSOO should be aligned with the RASG-MID priorities and objectives. Therefore, ACAC should effectively and continuously coordinate the implementation of the project with the ICAO MID Office and the RASG-MID.

2.2 It is to be highlighted that during the Global Ministerial Aviation Summit (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 29 - 31 August 2016), Saudi Arabia re-confirmed the offer to host the MENA RSOO and provide financial and technical support for the first 2 years of operations (two safety Experts and one administrative employee in addition to the premises). Accordingly, the Summit agreed to the following Recommendation:

MENA RSOO Recommendation

States and Stakeholders are encouraged to:

- a) support the expeditious establishment of the MENA RSOO; and*
- b) provide voluntary cash and/or in-kind contribution (seconded personnel, etc.)*

2.3 The meeting may wish to note that the ACAC Executive Council (Muscat, Oman, 21-22 December 2016) agreed that the MENA-RSOO Steering Committee meeting or at least a preparatory meeting should be held in 2017, and requested the ICAO MID Regional Office to organize the meeting in coordination with Saudi Arabia and ACAC.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the progress made in establishing MENA-RSOO and agree on the next course of actions.

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