

# INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

# MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL OFFICE

## COMMON AERONAUTICAL VPN (CRV) WORKSHOP

## (Cairo, Egypt, 1 March 2018)

### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

#### I. GENERAL

#### 1.1 **Place and Duration**

1.1.1 The ICAO Common aeRonautical Virtual Private Network (CRV) Workshop was successfully held at the ICAO Middle East (MID) Regional Office (Cairo, Egypt, 1 March 2018).

#### 1.2 **Opening**

1.2.1 The Workshop was opened by Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Deputy Regional Director, ICAO Middle East Office.

#### 1.3 Attendance

1.3.1 The Workshop was attended by a total of thirty (30) participants from eight (8) States States (Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Sudan) and the CRV Service Provider (PCCW Global Limited). The list of participants is at **Attachment A**.

#### 1.4 Work Programme

First Session: Background Information, including:

- The need for MID IP Network
- CRV Progress
- PCCW Global Limited Profile

Second Session: CRV Development

- CRV Concept of Operation
- CRV Packages
- Q&A

Third Session: Next Steps and Way forward

- States Requirements & the High level Questionnaire
- System Design Document (SDD)
- Implementation Plan

#### 1.5 **Objective**

1.5.1 The Objective of the Workshop was to provide a progress report on the CRV project, provide a forum to discuss/clarify CRV's Technical aspects and any pending issue, and communicate States' requirements to the CRV service provider (PCCW) to develop System Design Document (SDD) and agree on implementation plan, as appropriate.

#### II. SUMMARY AND OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS

2.1 The Workshop was apprised of the need for establishing IP Network in the MID Region.

2.2 The Workshop noted and recognized that a Regional IP Network is an enabler of several ASBU modules.

2.3 The Workshop recalled MIDANPIRG and MAEP Board Conclusions related to the CRV Project.

2.4 The Workshop received a presentation on the PCCW company's profile (CRV service provider).

2.5 PCCW explained the CRV Network design and the CRV packages.

2.6 States discussed the security responsibility, VOIP implementation as well as the reactive maintenance actions.

2.7 PCCW provided answers to all questions that had been sent by some MID States by emails.

2.8 PCCW presented the high level Questionnaire and invited States to fill their requirements.

2.9 PCCW demonstrated how to make the investment decision.

2.10 Some States raised concern about high cost and requested PCCW to revise the price list.

#### III. CLOSING

- 3.1 Recommendations/Actions
  - a) ICAO MID office to send a consolidated list of States' questions to PCCW asking for written clarifications; the list is at **Appendix A**;
  - b) States to download the CRV common package from ICAO portal;
  - c) States to complete the high level questionnaire with their requirements and send it to the ICAO MID Office. States are required also to provide their preferred national telecommunication service provider, as soon as possible;
  - d) PCCW to revise the price list and provide States with SDDs; and
  - e) ICAO MID Office to conduct teleconference with States willing to join the CRV to agree on the implementation plan.

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#### APPENDIX A

#### List of States' Questions to PCCW

- 1) Please confirm that PCCW will be responsible for Connection security until CE router in customer's premise.
- 2) Can CRV support VOIP according to the ED-137 standards? *Please refer to page 23 of the PCCW Technical proposal.*
- 3) CRV enables all CRV users to be connected to each other assuming having sufficient bandwidth, however, enabling connection of two States needs mutual agreement. If a State A wish to have additional connection with State B (both are CRV Users), PCCW will enable this connection with no additional cost. Please confirm.
- 4) The CRV cost is the monthly rental cost of the selected package plus one time fees only
- 5) PCCW will provide any hardware required including the router as proactive or reactive maintenance action, please confirm.
- 6) What will be the arrangements for the network in case of Company bankruptcy?

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