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RASG-MID Steering Committee

Sixth Meeting (RSC/6)
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Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

NCMCS MEETING

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the outcome of the Second NCMCs meeting.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- MID SST/3 Final Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Second meeting of the National Continuous Monitoring Coordinators (NCMCs) was held on 7 February 2018.

1.2 The meeting was a great opportunity to share experiences, challenges and best practices, which were appreciated by all participants.

2. DISCUSSION

USOAP-CMA Regional Status

2.1 The NCMCs meeting noted the current regional status related to the USOAP CMA, as follows:

- 1) current average EI in the MID Region is 70.47%, which is above the world average 65.15% (as of January 2018);
- 2) 2 out of the 15 States in the MID Region have not yet received a USOAP audit (Iraq and Yemen);
- 3) 77% of the audited States achieved the target of 60% EI;
- 4) all audit areas are above 60% EI, which reflect the improvement in the oversight capabilities particularly in the area of ANS and AGA;

- 5) CE4 (Qualified technical personnel) still represents the lowest with 50.52% EI, whereas CE8 (resolution of safety issues) is also below EI 60%; and
- 6) low progress in CAPs development/update and implementation.

2.2 It was highlighted that some validation activities had been in progress such as ICVMs, which would positively affect the results.

Presentations by the States' NCMCs related to the USOAP-CMA

2.3 Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia and Sudan provided presentations highlighting the status of their safety oversight system, current status, challenges faced and best practices.

2.4 The following common challenges/difficulties were identified:

- 1) lack of sufficient human resources (qualified technical personnel) to meet the State's obligations and carry out oversight functions and mandate;
- 2) the ability to attract, recruit and retain sufficiently qualified/experienced technical personnel;
- 3) training;
- 4) separation of oversight functions and service providers/operators;
- 5) independent AIG Authority as required by amendment 15 to Annex 13; and
- 6) political/security situation/instability in some States.

2.5 The NCMCs meeting noted with appreciation the sharing of experience in the preparation, conduct and follow-up of ICAO USOAP-CMA activities and identified the following as best practices and actions:

- 1) high level commitment and engagement (regular briefings and meetings);
- 2) effective preparation well in advance (giving sufficient time);
- 3) assignment of focal point(s) for each audit area;
- 4) training of personnel (USOAP-CMA CBT, Workshop, participation in ICVMs and Audits), including the conduct of a USOAP-CMA Workshop (cost-recovery basis) at National level;
- 5) using the self-assessment to conduct internal audits, prepare for ICAO USOAP CMA activities; and monitor the civil aviation safety oversight system;
- 6) take advantage of other States experiences;
- 7) update all CAPs to fully address the PQ findings and report the progress made on the CAPs implementation, which is a vital factor for the planning and conduct of the USOAP-CMA validation activities; and

- 8) regular update of the required information such as the State Aviation Activities Questionnaire (SAAQ) and Compliance Checklist/Electronic Filing of Differences (CC/EFOD).

2.6 The meeting noted with appreciation that the missions conducted by the ICAO MID Regional Office to the States provided valuable assistance and guidance related to the USOAP-CMA, including the preparation for Audits and ICVMs.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the outcome of the NCMCs meeting including the identified challenges/difficulties and best practices and actions, and agree on the way forward; and
- b) support the future NCMCs meeting, which will be part of the MID-SST meetings.

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