



International Civil Aviation Organization

RASG-MID Steering Committee

Sixth Meeting (RSC/6)
(Cairo, Egypt, 25 - 27 June 2018)

Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

ESTABLISHMENT OF MENA RSOO

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the progress made related to the establishment of MENA RSOO.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- DGCA-MID/4 Report
- RASG-MID/6 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The primary objective of MENA RSOO is 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 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. Saudi Arabia offered to host the MENA RSOO.

1.3 Saudi Arabia has re-confirmed its commitment to support the establishment of the MENA RSOO by hosting the RSOO and providing financial and in-kind support to expedite its establishment during the ACAO General Assembly (GA/23, Jeddah, 18-19 May 2016, Saudi Arabia) and the Third MID Region Safety Summit and the High-Level Briefing to DGCAs and CEOs (24 -26 May 2016, Doha, Qatar)

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 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.)*

2.2 The DGCA-MID/4 meeting (Muscat, Oman, 17-19 October 2017), supported the proposals of Saudi Arabia, which were made during the RASG-MID/6 meeting and were supported by Bahrain, Kuwait and UAE; and agreed to the following Conclusion:

CONCLUSION 4/5 – ESTABLISHMENT PROCESS OF THE MENA RSOO

That:

- a) the MENA RSOO be governed by a Steering Committee composed of the MENA RSOO member States (both ICAO and ACAC will be part of the Steering Committee);*
- b) the Steering Committee decides on all the details related to the establishment and operation of the MENA RSOO (organization, funding, etc.); and*
- c) Saudi Arabia (the host State) is invited to organize the first meeting of the MENA RSOO Steering Committee as soon as possible*

2.3 During the ACAO General Assembly (GA/24) held in Rabat, 9-10 May 2018, Saudi Arabia re-iterate its willingness to host and finance for the first two years the relative cost for the establishment of RSOO.

2.4 The First meeting of the MENA RSOO Steering Committee (DGs Level) will be held 1 October 2018, in Riyadh-Saudi Arabia back-to-back with the Fourth MID Safety Summit (3-4 October 2018).

2.5 The meeting may wish to note that ICAO MID Regional Office is currently working on the development of the Project Document and MOU in coordination with ACAO and Saudi Arabia. It's to highlighted the Project Document and MOU will be signed during the MENA RSOO Steering Committee.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the progress made in establishing MENA RSOO and support process the establishment process including the first meeting of the MENA RSOO Steering Committee.