



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**Summary of Discussion of MIDANPIRG, Sub-Groups and Task Forces Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons Teleconference/Meeting**

***(13 May 2020, from 10:00 to 12:00 Cairo time)***

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The Meeting/Teleconference with the MIDANPIRG and MIDANPIRG Subsidiary bodies' Chairpersons was held on Wednesday 13 May 2020 from 10:00 to 12:00 Cairo time, using Zoom facility.

1.2 The MIDANPIRG Chairs Teleconference was convened as a follow up to the outcomes of the DGCA Teleconference/Meeting of 23rd April 2020 to discuss the future work programmes and working arrangements.

1.3 The meeting/teleconference was attended by a total of twenty-six (26) participants. The list of participants is at **Attachment 1**.

1.4 The main objectives of the teleconference are to:

- a. maintain regular communication with member States to discuss measures taken, provide update and share best practices, challenges and lessons learned; and
- b. discuss and agree with Chairpersons on the future work programme, working arrangements and the way forward taking into consideration the complications of COVID-19 spread prevention measures.

**2. OPENING**

2.1 Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Acting Regional Director, Middle East Office, welcomed all participants and thanked them for accepting the invitation to join the teleconference. Mr. Smaoui briefed the meeting with ICAO MID activities with States, international and regional organizations, and the teleconferences held/planned with RASG-MID and MID-RAFSG Chairpersons.

2.2 Mr. Adel Boresli, Director of MET Department, Kuwait, Chairman of MIDANPIRG, and Mr. Ahmed Al-Jallaf, Assistant Director General Air Navigation Services, UAE, Vice-Chairperson of MIDANPIRG, welcomed participants, thanked ICAO for the invitation to the meeting, and wished everybody a successful meeting.

**3. DISCUSSIONS**

3.1 ICAO Secretariat provided a presentation covering the Agenda Items and issues to be discussed during the meeting. The presentation is at **Appendix A**.

***MIDANPIRG/17 Conclusions and Decisions***

3.2 The meeting reviewed the progress made for the implementation of MIDANPIRG/17 Conclusions and Decisions.

3.3 The meeting agreed on a list of actions to be taken for each MIDANPIRG Conclusion/Decision as at **Appendix B**.

### ***MIDANPIRG Priorities and Plans***

3.4 The meeting was apprised of the establishment of the MID Region Recovery Plan Task Force (RPTF) to provide necessary guidance and facilitate a harmonized restart of commercial passengers' flights in a sustainable, safe, secure and orderly manner as soon as practicable. The meeting was updated on the activities of the RPTF and supported the collaboration between International/Regional Organizations and the Chairpersons of the RASG-MID, MIDANPIRG and MID-RASFG.

3.5 The meeting noted that Global Reporting Format (GRF) provisions will be applicable as of 5 November 2020. The Guidance material "Guidance on the Issuance of SNOWTAM, First Edition" (new SNOWTAM Format) was provided to all AIM FPs, and the meeting was informed that ICAO EUR/NAT Office is planning to conduct a webinar to introduce the SNOWTAM Guidance and address some implementation issues. The webinar is planned to be held on 28 May 2020. Information on registration for the webinar will be provided in due course.

3.6 The meeting noted the MIDAMC STG/6 meeting was rescheduled to November 2020, so the planned bilateral meetings between CRV service provider "PCCW Global" and interested States were delayed. The meeting agreed to conduct several teleconferences in the third quarter to discuss the new pricelist and States' cost-benefits analysis. It was noted that the Go-No Go decision will be discussed by the MIDAMC STG/6 meeting.

3.7 The meeting recalled that MIDANPIRG/17 reviewed the AMHS plan of the MID ROC connectivity plan. It was further noted that the implementation of the extended AMHS service "FTBP" will enable the XML based data exchange (iWXXM, FIXM, AIXM). Accordingly, the meeting agreed that the secretariat/MIDAMC STG chairperson should monitor and follow-up the readiness of communication infrastructure.

3.8 The meeting recalled the last amendment of ICAO MID Doc 007 "MID Region PBN Implementation Plan" and the need to update the national PBN implementation plans accordingly taking into consideration the outcomes of relevant sub-groups meetings. The update might include the following:

- a) RNAV to RNP transition plan;
- b) PBN SIDs and STARs implementations to all runways ends of all international aerodromes; and
- c) review implementation dates, if there are any impact of COVID-19 situation.

3.9 The meeting recalled the Draft work programme of the MID FPP, and the need of recruitment of the project manager. The meeting noted that the MID FPP Steering Committee meeting, which was planned for June 2020 was postponed to November 2020. Meanwhile, work should be progressed through video teleconferencing in order to:

- b) expedite the process of recruitment of the project manager;
- c) explore the possibility of conducting some training activities online; and
- d) follow up with the call of nomination of the experts from States/ORGs.

3.10 The meeting recalled the MIDRMA Draft Conclusion 16/1 regarding LHD categories A, B, C, D, E, H, J and K, and agreed to follow up with States and MIDRMA to ensure reception of the required data for the finalization of the MID RVSM SMR 2018 and 2019.

### **Electronic Air Navigation Plan (eANP)**

3.11 The Meeting recalled the ANC recommendation 4.3/1 regarding the improvement of the performance of Air Navigation System. The meeting was apprised of the eANP Working Group's objectives and eANP project phases and progress.

3.12 The meeting agreed that States should adopt the 6-steps performance management process as described in ICAO Doc 9883 for the planning and implementation of the Air Navigation improvement, and develop National Air Navigation Plan, accordingly.

3.13 The meeting agreed that States should start working on the GANP KPIs, selecting KPIs that can be monitored and measured at National level. It was highlighted that further discussions on the implementation of the GANP, RANP and NANP is required and should be addressed within the framework of MIDANPIRG; however, due to the COVID-19 crisis, this might not be a priority for States and need to be postponed to 2021, including the ASBU Symposium which was planned for 2020.

### ***Future Work Programme***

3.14 The meeting noted that the ICAO MID Office Work Programme has been under regular review since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis and all the events planned for March, April, May and June 2020 have been cancelled/postponed.

3.15 The meeting highlighted the ICAO Budget Constraints and States' priorities affecting the Work Programmes of MIDANPIRG, which necessitate the need to prioritize activities.

3.16 The meeting supported alternative means to conduct business, including video teleconferencing. It was agreed that each event and topic will be treated on case-by-case basis in advance and in coordination with all concerned.

3.17 The meeting agreed that the MSG/7 meeting should be conducted as planned (1-3 September 2020) via teleconference, while MIDANPIRG/18 will be conducted concurrently with RASG-MID/8 face-to-face in the first Quarter of 2021. The agenda and working arrangements will be coordinated with MIDANPIRG Chairpersons in due time.

3.18 The CNS SG Chairman highlighted that there might be a need to reschedule the CNS SG/10 & MIDAMC STG/6 meeting to Q1 2021 due to current situation and travel restrictions. In this regard, it was agreed that the situation will be reassessed in mid of July 2020 in coordination with the host State "Oman" and CNS Chairperson.

3.19 The meeting noted that the Frequency Management workshop cannot be conducted virtually as it includes practical sessions and it has been rescheduled to November 2020.

3.20 The meeting agreed that the ATFM TF & FWC2022 TF (20-23 September 2020) might be conducted virtually (via teleconferencing) if face-to-face meetings would be still not possible.

3.21 The meeting agreed that virtual activities would be beneficial for educational purposes. In this regard, the meeting noted with appreciation that ICAO is organising a series of webinars.

3.22 The meeting noted with appreciation that UAE is organizing 2-day webinar focusing on airspace management; UAE would like to organize the webinar jointly with ICAO. Further details will be discussed through a preparatory teleconference.

**4. AOB AND CLOSING**

4.1 The meeting underlined that the MIDANPIRG subsidiaries bodies' chairpersons' should take the lead in advancing the work of their Groups, and to keep regular coordination with States' focal points and groups' members in cooperation with relevant ICAO Regional Officer.

4.2 At the end of the meeting, the MIDANPIRG Chairmen and ICAO A/RD thanked the participants for their participation and support.

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## MIDANPIRG, SUB-GROUPS AND TASK FORCES CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHARIPERSONS TELECONFERENCE/MEETING

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