



International Civil Aviation Organization

2nd RASG-MID Chairs Virtual Meeting
(Thursday, 2 July 2020)
(10:00-12:00 UTC)

ATTENDEES:

RASG-MID Chairs:

RASG-MID First Vice-Chairperson	Eng. Abdullah Omar Al Ojaili, Assistant Director General for Safety, PACA, Oman
RASG-MID Second Vice-Chairperson	Mr. Jehad Faqir, Assistant Director Safety and Flight Operations, IATA
RSC Chairperson	Mr. Mohammad Faisal Al Dossari, Assistant Director General Air Accident Investigation, GCAA, UAE
ASRG Chairperson	Mr. Theeb Abdullah Al Otaibi, Director of Safety Analysis, Aviation Investigation Bureau, AIB, Saudi Arabia
ASPIG Chairperson	Mr. Mohammed Yousif Mohamed, Acting Manager Aerodromes Section, GCAA, UAE

ICAO MID Office:

- Mohamed Smaoui (Acting RD);
- Mashhor Alblowi (RO/FLS);
- Muna Alnadaf (RO/CNS);
- Mohamed Chakib (RO/SAF-IMP);
- Mohamed Iheb Hamdi (RO/AGA);
- Radhouan Aissaoui, (RO/IM);
- Ahmad Amireh (RO/ATM/SAR);
- Ahmad Kavehfirouz (RO/ATM); and
- Hoda Gabriel (TA/FLS, SAF-IMP, CNS & AGA)

Provisional Agenda

The meeting agreed on the following Agenda:

- Introduction
- MID Regional Implementation Roadmap – Role of the RASG-MID
- Updated RASG-MID Work Programme
- Any Other Business

Introduction

- Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Acting RD, opened the Virtual Meeting welcomed all the participants on behalf of the while ICAO MID Team. He highlighted that the main objective of this Virtual Meeting is to discuss the role of the RASG-MID in supporting the implementation of the CART recommendations and guidance through the MID CART Regional Implementation Roadmap/Plan.

- Mr. Mashhor Alblowi (RO/FLS) thanked the participants for their continuous support and commitment. Mr. Alblowi delivered a Power Point Presentation covering the topics of the agenda. He recalled one of the main outcomes of the Second DGCA-MID Virtual Meeting (18 July 2020), to develop and support the implementation of a tailored MID Region Implementation Roadmap, which is consistent with the CART framework and its Global Implementation Roadmap, while addressing the Region's specific priorities.
- The PPT is at **Appendix A**.

MID Regional Implementation Roadmap – Role of the RASG-MID

- In the Presentation, Mr. Alblowi highlighted that the Global Implementation Roadmap (GIR) constitutes the ICAO Secretariat's high-level implementation framework, presenting the activities, mechanisms and tools aiming at supporting, coordinating and monitoring the implementation of the recommendations and guidance issued by the CART. The GIR would address all areas covered in the CART Report. The GIR will be complemented by Regional Implementation Roadmaps
- In this respect, the meeting noted with appreciation the proactive approach of the ICAO MID Office to initiate developing the MID CART Implementation Roadmap/Plan in line with the Global Implementation Roadmap to enable a tailored approach to ICAO's support efforts, and adapted to the situation of MID Region. The Roadmap/Plan would include means to monitor the evolution of States' risk mitigation measures and the eventual return to normal operations.
- The meeting agreed that the RASG-MID should at the beginning address implementation of the three (3) CART Recommendations related to Aviation Safety Measures within the RASG-MID framework, namely:
 - **Recommendation 1**- During the global COVID-19 outbreak, Member States should continue updating COVID-19 Contingency Related Differences (CCRDs) in the EFOD subsystem.
 - **Recommendation 2**- Member States should avoid retaining any COVID-19 related alleviation measures as soon as normal operations are resumed. Differences that remain after the contingency if any should be filed in the EFOD system.
 - **Recommendation 3**- Member States should expedite the development of guidance for safety management of new operations or operation change during this crisis.
- The meeting agreed on the following next steps and way forward and requested the MID Office to:
 - ✓ continue the development of the MID CART Implementation Roadmap/Plan, and share it with all concerned; and
 - ✓ draft an initial Action Plan Template with clear/specific actions and champions (RASG-MID Chairs, ICAO Secretariat, States and stakeholders) for each Recommendation with a clear link to the 3 pillars (Communication, Implementation Support and Monitoring & Reporting).
- The meeting noted with appreciation the progress made by the MID RPTF and the activities which have been implemented related to the COVID-19 issues. It was highlighted that the MID RPTF would be one the Champions in the Action Plan to be developed.
- With respect to Recommendation 3, it was highlighted that States need to adopt a risk-based approach to surveillance activities and establish mechanisms to confirm service providers are actively managing any new risk and continuing to comply with the requirements under which their approvals were issued. Capability to conduct remote activities will need to be developed to address the challenges with conducting on-site surveillance. Accordingly, it was agreed that Recommendation 3 is one of the focus areas to be addressed in the MID CART Implementation Roadmap - Action Plan including capacity-building activities.

- In the same vein, IATA highlighted the measures taken to ensure continuity of audit programs on the concept for a reduced scope of IOSA and ISAGO, remote audits, as temporary relief measure during these exceptional circumstances. The standards will be reduced to only contain requirements that are safety-critical during this crisis. Provisions related to mitigating aviation health safety risks based on recognized requirements and guidance related to public health might be added and business continuity aspects will be captured to build up trust in the operations.
- Based on the forging, the meeting agreed on the need to review the ToRs of the RASG-MID subsidiary bodies to include tasks/activities related to COVID-19.

Updated RASG-MID Work Programme

- The meeting reviewed the RASG-MID Work Programme, and agreed to the following:
 - ASRG/2 virtual Meeting (8 July 2020)
 - SEIG/1 face-to-face meeting (16-18 Nov 2020)
 - ARCM Virtual meeting. Once the ARCM MOU initial draft is finalized, the FPs will hold a virtual meeting
 - AIIG/1 face-to-face meeting (6-8 Dec 20)
 - SSP Course (8-13 Nov 20)
 - SPIIG/2 face-to-face meeting (24-26 Nov 20)

Any Other Business

- The meeting recalled that the Seventeenth Meeting of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group and the Seventh Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group-Middle East (MIDANPIRG/17 & RASG-MID/7) held in, Cairo, Egypt, from 15 to 18 April 2019, agreed that the MIDANPIRG/18 and RASG-MID/8 meetings be organized concurrently. The exact dates will be coordinated between the ICAO MID Office and the Chairpersons of both Groups. With regard to the venue, it was noted with appreciation that the ICAO MID Office received an offer from Iraq for the hosting of MIDANPIRG/18 and RASG-MID/8 meetings. However, the meeting agreed to defer the decision on the venue to the MSG/7 and RSC/7 meetings, taking into consideration the outcome of the ICAO Council related to the new Terms of Reference of PIRGs and RASGs.
- In this respect, the meeting agreed that date should be around 2nd half of Feb 2021, considering the calendars of the Air Navigation Commission and Council Sessions.
- In connection with the above, the RASG-MID Chairs agreed to the proposal to organize a MIDANPIRG/RASG-MID Coordination Virtual meeting on 9 July 2020 back-to-back with the Second MIDANPIRG Chairs Virtual Meeting, during which the final decision on the date and venue of MIDANPIRG/18 and RASG-MID/8 meetings would be taken.

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