



International Civil Aviation Organization

Fourth DGCA-MID Virtual Meeting
 (3 June 2021 from 10:30 to 13:30 UTC)

Agenda Item 3: Regional Developments related to COVID-19

MID RPTF NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents proposed revised MID RPTF Terms of Reference (TORs) for review and endorsement by the meeting.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

22nd MID RPTF virtual meeting SoD

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant and unprecedented challenges to the aviation sector, shutting down all commercial international passenger operations. The High-Level MID Regional Virtual Meetings between ICAO, AACO, ACAO and IATA on COVID-19 Crisis Management agreed to establish the MID Region Recovery Plan Task Force (MID RPTF). The establishment of the MID RPTF was further supported by the 1st DGCA-MID Virtual Meeting held on 23 April 2020.

1.2 The MID-RPTF would serve as a platform for coordination and cooperation amongst all stakeholders to support the recovery of the aviation industry in the Middle East Region.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The MID CART Implementation Plan is developed in line with and in support of the Global Implementation Roadmap (GIR) to contribute to the restart and recovery of the civil aviation system by establishing and enabling a framework for an effective implementation of the recommendations and guidance outlined in the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) Report and the associated “Take-Off Guidance Document” (TOGD).

2.2 To provide support and targeted assistance to States in line with The MID CART Implementation Plan, the 21st MID RPTF meeting proposed to include the States CRRIC FPs and States Representatives in the MID RPTF and agreed to amend the MID RPTF Terms of Reference (TORs). In addition, States would also share information about common challenges and best practices related to the implementation of CART recommendations and measures

2.3 The 22nd MID RPTF virtual meeting updated and finalized the Draft MID RPTF TORs as at **Appendix A**, for endorsement by the Fourth DGCA-MID Virtual Meeting.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to endorse the revised MID RPTF TORs at **Appendix A**.

APPENDIX A

**MID RECOVERY PLAN TASK FORCE
TERMS OF REFERENCE (TORs)**

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant and unprecedented challenges to the aviation sector, shutting down all commercial international passenger operations. The High-Level MID Regional Meetings/Teleconferences between ICAO, AACO, ACAO and IATA on COVID-19 Crisis Management agreed to establish the MID Region Recovery Plan Task Force (RPTF). The establishment of the MID RPTF was further supported by the First DGCA-MID Virtual Meeting held on 23 April 2020; 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 taking into consideration the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and the decisions by International and National Public Health Authorities. The final objective is to create a harmonized and cooperative effort to maintain global connectivity while ensuring public health security.

1.2 The MID-RPTF would serve as a platform for coordination and cooperation amongst all stakeholders to support States for the recovery plan of the aviation industry in Middle East during COVID-19 pandemic period and at the same time prepare for the post COVID-19 recovery phase. It will also ensure that there is no duplication of efforts with associated Regional Groups.

2. SCOPE | OBJECTIVES

THE KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE MID RPTF:

2.1 Monitor global restart and recovery developments and ensure the harmonization, and where necessary regional customization, of the implementation of these global developments at the Regional level.

2.2 Advocate for the harmonization of national restart and recovery plans with the Regional and Global plans.

2.3 Address the persistent and most immediate issues affecting the MID Region, and ensure that measures are put in place to avoid any impediment to operational continuity, restart, and recovery of international air transport.

2.4 Recommend to the Directors General of Civil Aviation in the MID Region specific and prioritized, actions which States would consider to manage the crisis as well as in the restart and recovery phases.

2.5 Support and assist States in implementing the recommendations and measures contained in CART including the implementation of a multi-layer risk management Strategy in accordance with the guidance contained in ICAO Doc 10152.

2.6 Encourage States in sharing information about common challenges and Best Practices related to the implementation of CART recommendations and measures

2.7 Regularly monitor the progress made by States on the implementation of recommendations and measures contained in CART through CRRIC which would facilitate the identification of gaps and needed support.

2.8 Foster the implementation of MID CART implementation plan and associated MID Regional Groups CART implementation plans of actions.

2.9 Prioritize its activities to focus on the most important and common issues. As such, the MID RPTF work should be centered on specific work streams supported by a work Programme that allow the continuous adaptability and flexibility in the Task Force's activities that may be required as we move through contingency, restart, and recovery phases.

3. TASK FORCE COMPOSITION

3.1 The Task force shall comprise the following members:

3.1.1 Chairpersons of MIDANPIRG, RASG-MID, MID-RASFG and CAPSCA-MID

3.1.2 States Representatives, including CRRIC Focal points

3.1.3 Representatives from the following Regional and International Organizations: AACO, ACAO, ACI, CANSO, IATA, ICAO, IFALPA, and IFATCA.

3.1.4 Operators, and/or Service Providers may be invited to participate in the MID RPTF meetings, as required.

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