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MIDANPIRG Air Traffic Management Sub-Group

Eleventh Meeting (ATM SG/11)
(Abu Dhabi, UAE, 19 – 23 October 2025)

Agenda Item 3: Planning and Implementation issues related to ATM/SAR

SAR IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THE MID REGION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

The paper presents the status of Search and Rescue in the MID Region and the related issues.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- ASBU GADS B1/2
- MIDANPIRG/22 (Doha, Qatar, 4 – 8 March 2025)
- MID Doc. 010: SAR Implementation Plan
- MID Region Search and Rescue Workshop 2024 (Cairo, Egypt, 6 - 7 May 2024)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Standards, Recommended Practices and Procedures and guidance material related to the implementation of Search and Rescue (SAR) are mainly contained in ICAO Annex 12, International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR - Doc 9731). On regional level, the MID SAR implementation Plan was endorsed and published as MID Doc 010, in 2018.

1.2 Furthermore, the 6th edition of GANP, under ASBU GADS B1/2, which was identified as Priority 1 in the MID Region Air Navigation Strategy, is related to Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS) Contact directory service, is applicable to all MID States.

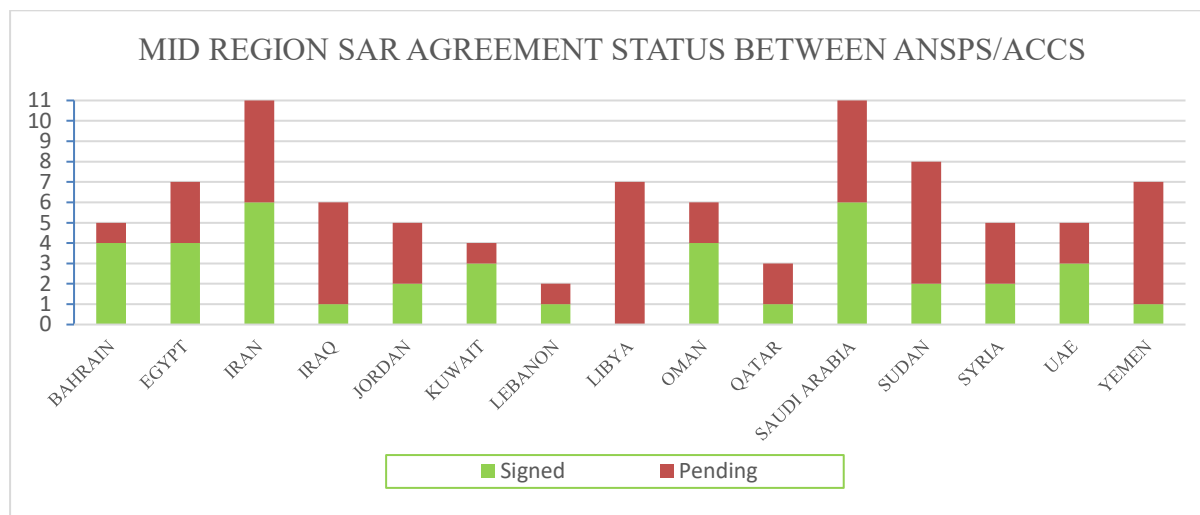
2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to note that SAR main findings and challenges identified earlier in the MID Region are still standing, mainly related to the lack of:

- effective SAR oversight activities;
- English language proficiency for RCC radio operators;
- appropriate training programmes/plans of SAR experts;

- signature of SAR agreements (current signed agreements as of May 2024 is at **Appendix A**);
- plans of operations for the conduct of SAR operations and SAR exercises;
- provision of required SAR services; and
- non-compliance with the carriage of Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) requirements.

2.2 The meeting may wish to note the status of SAR bilateral Arrangements as of October 2023, as at **Appendix A**, which is also reflected in the following **Graph 1**:



Graph 1

2.3 MID States were urged to keep up-to-date their SAR Point of Contact (SPOC) contact details in their AIPs (GEN 3.6) and on the COSPAS-SARSAT website: <http://www.cospas-sarsat.int/en/>. It is also requested to provide ICAO MID with the assigned person(s) to be included in the GADSS Contacts directory. The current list is at **Appendix B**.

2.4 The meeting may wish to note that the MID Doc. 010: SAR implementation Plan, includes material that would support the different requirements implementation: SAR Facilities and resources reference material, including national implementation plan guidance; Check list for SAR capability matrix; SAR LoA template; Work plan for SAREX; and MID States Contact details table.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) encourage States to use the ICAO Doc 010 and provide the ICAO MID Office with updates on the implementation status, achievements and challenges; and
- b) review and, if necessary, update:
 - i. the status of bilateral Arrangements between ANSPs/ACCs at **Appendix A**;
 - ii. the SAR Point of Contact (SPOC) contact details on the COSPAS-SARSAT website; and
 - iii. the list of SAR and GADSS focal points in the MID Region at **Appendix B**.

MID REGION SAR AGREEMENT STATUS BETWEEN ANSPs/ACCS
As of October 2025

STATE	CORRESPONDING STATES			REMARKS*
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☒ Agreement Signed ☐ Agreement NOT Signed *Signed Agreements / Total No. of required Agreements

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