

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 6.1: MIDANPIRG & RASG-MID WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

6.1.1 The subject was addressed in WP/49 presented by the Secretariat. The meeting reviewed the Terms of Reference of the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID.

6.1.2 The meeting recalled that the President of the ICAO Council approved new generic Terms of Reference of PIRGs and RASGs on 25 July 2019, in order to clarify the roles of stakeholders and promote partnership among them, harmonize the methods of work and improve regional reporting through more frequent meetings. The meeting noted also that at the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly, it was decided to align the meeting schedule of the PIRGs and RASGs with the annual reporting requirement to the Council (A40-WP/608 refers); accordingly, the President of the Council on 7 August 2020 mandated the need for PIRGs & RASGs to meet on annual basis.

6.1.3 The meeting recognized that the increasing operational complexity within the MID Region and the growing implementation demands on States and the ICAO MID Regional Office warrant reflection on whether the current working arrangements of MIDANPIRG & RASG-MID remain the most efficient and implementation-focused model for the Region.

6.1.4 The meeting agreed that the current working arrangements of the annual combined/parallel track MIDANPIRG & RASG-MID meetings provided important benefits but revealed also several challenges.

6.1.5 Based on the above, the meeting agreed that MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID meetings alternate between in-person and virtual formats. In-person meetings would be held during the years when DGCA-MID meetings take place (even-numbered years), at least six months prior to the DGCA-MID meeting. Virtual meetings would be conducted during odd-numbered years. The virtual meetings of MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID would be organized separately and would have limited agenda focused primarily on the follow-up of existing Conclusions and Decisions, as well as any urgent or time-critical matters requiring attention or reporting. In contrast, the in-person meetings, held every two years, would address full scope agenda and maintain the current meeting format, including joint plenary sessions and parallel tracks for MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID.

6.1.6 The meeting agreed to further examine opportunities to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of both Groups through consultations with the Chairpersons and States. The outcome of these consultations could be used to identify the most appropriate working arrangements and, if necessary, develop proposals for consideration at the next MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID meetings.

6.1.7 Based on all the foregoing, the meeting agreed to the following Decisions:

MIDANPIRG DECISION 23/40: MIDANPIRG PROCEDURAL HANDBOOK

That:

- a) *the MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook be amended to reflect the agreed working arrangements, and up-to-date Organizational Structure and Terms of Reference of the different Sub Groups; and*
- b) *the revised version of the Procedural Handbook be presented to the MIDANPIRG/24 for final review and endorsement.*

RASG-MID DECISION 13/10: RASG-MID PROCEDURAL HANDBOOK

That

- a) *the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook be amended to reflect the agreed working arrangements; and*

- b) *the revised version of the Procedural Handbook be presented to the RASG-MID/14 for final review and endorsement.*

MIDANPIRG Support Team (MST)

6.1.8 The subject was addressed in PPT/85 presented by the First Vice Chairperson of MIDANPIRG. The meeting reviewed the Terms of Reference of the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID. The meeting noted that The MIDANPIRG Support Team (MST) was established to act as the primary coordination and facilitation bridge connecting MIDANPIRG with its subsidiary bodies, Member States, and the ICAO Regional Office ensuring seamless communication and aligned implementation across the MID Region. The MST is composed of the MIDANPIRG Chairpersons and the MID Office Secretariat.

6.1.9 The meeting was apprised of the functions, roles and responsibilities of the different MST members and agree to include relevant information in the MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook.

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REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 6.2: MIDANPIRG & RASG-MID FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

6.2.1 The subject was addressed in WP/50 presented by the Secretariat. According to the new working arrangements endorsed by the meeting, it was agreed that the MIDANPIRG/24 and RASG-MID/14 meetings will be held separately in a virtual setting in Q2-2027. The exact dates of both meetings will be coordinated between the ICAO MD Office and the Chairpersons of both Groups.

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