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**Agenda Item 6: Other Business**

**STATUS OF REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUPS IN  
 DIFFERENT ICAO REGIONS**

(Presented by Secretariat)

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
This information paper provides the status of the establishment of Regional Aviation Safety Groups in other ICAO Regions.	
References:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICAO Council—190<sup>th</sup> Session, Fourth Meeting, Tuesday, 25 May 2010</li> </ul>	
<b>Strategic Objective</b>	<i>This working paper is related to Strategic Objective A – Safety</i>

1. **Introduction**

1.1 On 25 May 2010, the 190th Session of the ICAO Council approved the establishment of the following RASGs: RASG-PA for the North American, Caribbean and South American Regions (including Central America); RASG-EUR for the European Region; RASG-APAC for the Asia Pacific Regions; RASG-AFI for the African Region; and RASG-MID for the Middle East Region. The aim being to support a regional performance framework to manage operational safety.

1.2 This working paper provides the status of the establishment of Regional Aviation Safety Groups in the other ICAO Regions.

2. **Regional Aviation Safety Groups**

2.1 *RASG-APAC* - The Forty Seventh Meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation APAC (DGAC-47) meeting held 25-29 October 2010 in Macau, China, agreed to the establishment of the RASG-ASIA/PAC. The first meeting of the RASG-ASIA/PAC was held from 10 to 11 October 2011, in Noumea, New Caledonia.

2.2 *RASG-EUR* - The high-level meeting of European Directors General of Civil Aviation, held 15-17 February 2011, agreed to the establishment of the European Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-EUR) for the entire European Region. Subsequently, a meeting for the establishment of the RASG-EUR was convened in Paris on 16 May 2011. The first meeting of the RASG-EUR is scheduled for the second half of January 2012 at a location to be determined.

2.3 *RASG-MID* - The first meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation-Middle East (DGCA-MID/1) meeting held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, from 22 to 24 March 2011, agreed to the establishment of the RASG-MID. Consequently, the first RASG-MID took place in Cairo, Egypt, 18-19 September 2011.

2.3.1 The RASG-MID elected a structure similar to the PIRGs, which normally have one Vice-Chairman to replace the Chairperson in the event he or she is unable to attend the meeting. In the RASG, the group opted to have two, one from a Member State for the same purpose as in the PIRG and one from the stakeholders so that aviation partners buy into the actions necessary to improve safety. Furthermore, the RASG-MID established a RASG Steering Committee (RSC) and agreed to establish an Annual Safety Reporting Team (ASRT) in order to form a baseline from which progress can be measured.

2.3.2 The RSC has two co-chairs, one from a member State and one from the Partners; additionally, each co-chair has an alternate. The elected officials (Chairperson, Vice-Chairs, Co-Chairs and alternates) essentially form the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for the RASG-MID, which has the following initial tasks:

- a) assess work already being done under existing regional activities;
- b) identify short and medium term regional safety priorities and initiatives; and
- c) coordinate the establishment of the Regional Aviation Safety Teams (RASTs) including the ASRT.

2.3 *RASG-AFI* - The Fourth Meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation of ESAF and WACAF States (DGCA/4) held in Matsapha, Swaziland, 8-9 November 2010, approved the concept of the RASG and is undergoing creation of the organizational structure to reflect membership and the relationship with COSCAPs and RSOOs. The first meeting of RASG-AFI is scheduled to take place from 19 to 24 March 2012, at a location to be determined.

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