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**ICAO New Flight Plan Format Study Group
(INFPL SG)**

**Fourth Meeting
(Cairo, Egypt, 27 – 29 February 2012)**

Agenda Item 3: Status of Implementation of INFPL in the MID Region

UPDATE ON FPL Information Tracking System (FITS)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents ICAO HQ update to the columns of the FPL Information Tracking System maintained to provide global updates on the status of the ICAO new FPL implementation.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- INFPL SG/3 Report
- MIDANPIRG/12 Report
- Updates from FITS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The third meeting of the INFPL Study Group was held at the ICAO MID Regional office back to back with the INFPL Seminar Egypt, 19- 21 and 22-23 June 2011 respectively. The seminar was attended by a total of 57 participants from 8 States, 3 International Organizations and 3 systems suppliers. The meeting was attended by a total of Forty seven (47) participants from eleven (11) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, UAE and Yemen), one (1) International Organization (IATA) and one systems supplier (Comsoft).

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to note that the FITS website provides information regarding the implementation status of the new flight plan provisions in each State along with guidance and harmonized solutions to any difficulties encountered in the implementation process. It can be accessed at <http://www2.icao.int/en/FITS/Pages/home.aspx>.

2.2 The meeting may wish to note that MIDANPIRG/12, noted that INFPL SG meetings reviewed the progress achieved and difficulties faced by other ICAO regions during the implementation of INFPL provisions, which were posted on the FITS. In this regard, the meeting urged MID States to use this system and to post any issue encountered in the implementation of INFPL in FITS. Accordingly, MIDANPIRG/12 agreed to the following Conclusion:

CONCLUSION 12/51: INFPL IMPLEMENTATION DIFFICULTIES

That, MID States be urged to complete the impact studies and file any difficulties arising in the implementation of INFPL to the ICAO MID Regional Office for posting on FITS.

2.3 Based on the above, the meeting may wish to note that ICAO MID Regional Office, as follow-up to the above conclusion sent State AN 6/2B – 11/027 dated 16 February 2011 requesting update of the information related to MID States in the FITS. The INFPL Seminar and INFPL SG/3 meeting recommended that ICAO HQ to improve the FITS in order to reflect more relevant information.

2.4 The meeting may wish to note that ICAO HQ updated some columns in the FITS website (Current FIR Status) where columns: Present, New, Due date and Implementation were deleted and Columns: Internal testing, ANSP to ANSP testing, User Testing and New FPL accepted were created, all columns have free text as entry, the aim is to have information regarding the actions being taken for each of them. **Appendix A** to this working paper provides the updated FITS for MID States.

2.5 Based on the above, the INFPL SG/3 meeting reiterated that States and ANSP provide the update to ICAO MID Regional Office in order to update the FITS to include the tests with users.

2.6 The meeting may wish to recall that MIDANPIRG/12 meeting reviewed the Questionnaire on the Status of INFPL Implementation and agreed to Conclusion 12/53: *Questionnaire On The Status Of INFPL Implementation.*

2.7 The meeting may wish to note that Ten (10) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE) provided the replies to the questionnaires which were analyzed by ICAO MID regional office, the results are at **Appendix B** to this working paper.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) provide update to FITS; and
- b) provide views on the analyses as at **Appendix B.**

State	FIR	Location Indicator
Bahrain	Bahrain	OBBB
Egypt	Cairo	HECC
Iran(Islamic Republic of)	Tehran	OIIX
Iraq	Baghdad	ORBB
Jordan	Amman	OJAC
Kuwait	Kuwait	OKAC
Lebanon	Beirut	OLBB
Libyan Araba Jamahiriya	Tripoli	HLLL
Oman	Muscat	OOMM
QATAR	Bahrain	OTBD
Saudi Arabia	Jeddah	OEJD
Sudan	Khartoum	HSSS
Syria	Damascus	OSTT
United Arab Emirates	Emirates	OMAE
Yemen	Sanaa	OYSC

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Milestones	Status
Introduction of capability to parse new information;#Check of AIDC compatibility	Ongoing
Contract signed with Comsoft	Ongoing
Contract signed with Avitech	Ongoing
Analysis of the draft amendment	Ongoing
Contract signed with Avitech	Ongoing
Contract signed with Indra	Ongoing
Analysis of the draft amendment	Ongoing
Evaluation of current system	Ongoing
Contract signed with Comsoft	Ongoing
Introduction of capability to parse new information	Ongoing
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Evaluation of current system	Ongoing
Analysis of the draft amendment	Ongoing
Introduction of capability to parse new information	Ongoing
No action taken so far	Ongoing

New FPL accepted	User testing	Company in charge to update the FPL system
		AVITEC + THALES
		Comsoft + Thales
		THALES "EUROCAT 2000" AVITECH
		AVITECH
		Indra
		INDRA
		Raytheon + COMSOFT and COMSOFT + INDRA for new ACC
		COMSOFT+SELEX
		Sysytem THALES Messages COMSOFT
		Thales
		Thales+COMSOFT

APPENDIX B

QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS

State	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
Bahrain	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Egypt	No	Yes	Not yet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not yet under development
Iran	Yes there are problems (120+training)	Yes as mentioned in Q1	No under development	Yes	Yes no doubts	Yes	Yes	Not yet under development
Iraq								
Jordan	No problems	Yes	Yes under development	Yes fully understand	Yes fully understand	Yes	Yes, and understand fully the impact	Defined action plan WP11
Kuwait								
Lebanon	No problem	Yes we will accept flight plan filing exceeding 120 hours	Planning to do so the issue under discussion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	In progress we establish a committee and it is working on defining the action plan.
Libya	No problems	Yes	No under development	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Under development
Oman	No	Yes	Yes under development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Under development
Qatar	No Problem	Yes	Yes under development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Under development
Saudi Arabia	No problems at this time	As it applies to ATM system	Yes will have Dual	Yes	Yes and will have dual functionality	Yes	Yes <i>expect additional automation and procedural impact</i>	Under development

State	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
Sudan								
Syria								
UAE	No	Yes	Yes—ANSPs to include software in upgrades or new systems.	Yes	Yes	Yes—Most ANSPs including this upgrade with the automated system upgrades	Yes	Under development—National workshop Q1 2012.
Yemen								

Q1- *In your compliance to the changes in Amendment 1, is there any part of Amendment 1 in which your State identifies any major problem to comply?*

Q2- *Has your State considered the accommodation of the 120 hour filing provision outlined in Amendment 1?*

Q3- *Have you considered a strategy for transitioning NEW FPL and related messages to the PRESENT/EXISTING format?*

Q4- *Do you know about the regional actions defined in MID Regional Strategy for implementation of this amendment?*

Q5- *Do you understand the phased transition approach?*

Q6- *Do you intend to comply with the dates contained in Phase 2 (transition) of the approach (i.e., you plan to be ready to begin accepting NEW format FPLs and related messages between 1 April and 30 June 2012)?*

Q7- *Have you considered the automation and/or procedural impacts involved in the implementation of Amendment 1?*

Q8- *Has your State defined an action plan for carrying out the different aspects of this implementation?*