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Agenda Item 6: **Aviation Safety**

COSCAP-GS TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ASSISTANCE ATIVITIES
UNDER RASG-MID WORKING PROGRAM

(Presented by COSCAP-GS)

SUMMARY

This paper defines COSCAP-GS Project role and activities in assisting member States regarding the implementation of RASG-MID initiatives.

It also presents its working program in progress, available for and shared with both the Gulf and the Middle East region States.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1   The present Information Paper outlines the concept and modalities for COSCAP-GS Project working program, supplied to the Gulf member States in particular, and to the Middle East States in general, in line with RASG-MID initiatives and decisions.

1.2   Indeed, in addition to the commitment to assist member States relating to the implementation of ICAO 8 Critical Elements, in the most effective and efficient manner, COSCAP-GS Project has to ensure a particular support relating to the focus areas, defined by RASG-MID, and to customise the working program, taking into account the significant concerns identified in the Middle East Region.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1   At the 4th meeting of its 190th Session, held on 25 May 2010, the ICAO Council approved the establishment of RASGs. This decision established the mandate for the ICAO Secretariat to establish RASGs, nurture their development and guide their activities, recognizing that the planning must consider the related resources such as COSCAPs.

2.2   The objective of the GASP provides a common frame of reference for all stakeholders that support a proactive and systematic approach to aviation safety, and helps to coordinate and guide the establishment of safety policies and initiatives worldwide. It will help in prioritizing and planning safety initiatives and measuring their impact.

2.3   At the 10th COSCAP-GS Steering Committee meeting of March 2013, the Project Coordinator was directed to ensure that components of ICAO GASP are utilized for planning, designing, implementation and prioritizing the future technical work of the Project to the extent possible to the benefit of Middle East member States. The Steering Committee concluded that the implementation of a State Safety Program (SSP) framework would address the Global Safety initiatives and best practices of the GASP and GASR, and provide the benefit of a logical, phased implementation.

2.4   As the ICAO Council fully recognized the need to both avoid duplication of effort and to benefit from established practices, the establishment of the RASG-MID enables a better share and optimisation of the efforts by means of the on-going COSCAP-GS Project in the region.

3.   OBJECTIVE

3.1   Under RASG-MID framework, the objective of COSCAP-GS Project is to customize its working program taking into account the focus areas defined in the region, and to extend its work plan and deliverables to the whole Middle East region.

3.2   The working program, once approved by the Steering Committee, may be implemented through the coordinated efforts of the MID regulatory authorities, in coordination with service providers, airlines and safety partners. When such actions are endorsed by the Steering Committee, COSCAP-GS team will serve as focal point for assisting member States in introducing the interventions and for coordinating with the States' efforts.

3.3   To accomplish the objectives, COSCAP-GS team will undertake its deliberations and actions in full consideration of the Steering Committee decisions, working under the RASG-MID.

3.4   The focus and priority for COSCAP-GS team will be to introduce, support, and develop actions, which have the potential to effectively and operationally reduce the MID region aviation risks to enhance aviation safety.

4.   MODALITIES

4.1   As a component of safety players in the Middle East region, COSCAP-GS team of experts has to accomplish the following:

- Review safety interventions which have already been developed by existing safety groups such as ICAO, CAST and ESSI;

- Review the Safety Global Initiatives (SGI) of the GASP, and the focus areas, best practices, metrics and maturity levels defined in the GASR, and advise the Steering Committee, which of these are appropriate for implementation in the Gulf and MID States;

- Consider the recommendations approved by the RASG-MID, and advise the Steering Committee how to implement these within the Gulf and Middle East Region;

- Support implementation of data driven action plans developed using risk analysis by performance based safety systems;

- Work closely with the safety partners such as EASA, Boeing, Airbus, FAA, IATA, and other appropriate organisations to ensure that interventions are implemented through a coordinated effort;

- Enlarge its assistance program to whole MID region;

- Disseminate the information and the working program through its new website www.coscap-gs.org to all MID region member States;

- Provide regular feedback to ICAO Regional Office in Cairo, on the activities and the emerging intervention proposals;

- Liaise as required with the regional aviation safety teams (RAST) to benefit from their efforts;

- The Steering Committee will review and direct activities of COSCAP-GS Project and promote the implementation of those interventions that are deemed appropriate for the MID region.

5.   DISCUSSION

5.1   Under the RASG organisation, COSCAP-GS Project remains actively engaged with RASG-MID, but in the role of providing assistance to MID member States as they participate to the RASG-MID activities and safety teams.

5.2   The member DG's are individual responsible to implement the resulting safety actions, that they approve at the RASG-MID meetings.

5.3   Member States, through their decisions at their Steering Committee meetings (SCM), decide to have COSCAP-GS resources assist to implement decisions of RASG-MID.

5.4   The complete connection is via the DG's., who may direct COSCAP-GS team to assist them during the safety teams meetings and workshops.

5.5   Finally, on request of MID member States, COSCAP-GS Project may be asked to provide assistance, for the implementation of RASG-MID initiatives, by the following scope of activities:

- Development of specific safety regulations relating to the focus areas;
- Development of the necessary procedures and guidance material;
- Awareness raising and training plan for the technical personal;

5.6   As the ICAO Council fully recognized the need to both avoid duplication of effort and to benefit from established practices, the establishment of the RASG-MID enables a better share and optimisation of the efforts by means of the COSCAP-GS Project to the whole Middle East region.

APPENDIX A

	GS Training Program in Progress in 2013 *(Open to all the MID region)*		
	Dates	**Subject**	**location**
1	**13-14/01/2013**	**Updates on ICAO USOAP and CMA**	**Dubai (UAE)**
2	**03-05/02/2013**	**Regulator Audit Techniques**	**Bahrain**
3	**10-11/02/2013**	**Internal workshop on ICAO Airworthiness Manual and COSCAP-GS Airworthiness Inspector Handbook**	**Kuwait**
4	**11-13/02/2013**	**ICAO Principals, SARPs & States International safety obligations**	**Kuwait**
6	**14-18/04/2013**	**PBN/RNP-AR Regulator surveillance procedures**	**Kuwait**
7	**29-30/04/2013**	**Seminar on ICAO Airworthiness Manual (Doc 9760, Third Edition)**	**Dubai (UAE)**
8	21/05/2013	Internal workshop on OPS Matrix comparing EASA OPS regulations and GCAA CAR OPS	Dubai(UAE)
9	28-29/05/2013	MMEL/MEL/Reliability program/scheduled maintenance	Dubai (UAE)
10	09-13/06/2013	Advanced course on Regulator Audit Techniques	Bahrain
11	16-18/06/2013	Aircraft certification, TC, STC, Repair, ..	Dubai (UAE)
12	23-24/06/2013	Workshop and review of CAA Training Program Manual (Draft proposed by COSCAP-GS)	Dubai (UAE)
14	September 2013	Advanced course on USOAP/CMA implementation	Kuwait
	Sept. / Oct. 2013	Aging Aircraft	Dubai (UAE)
15	14-16 October 2013	Seminar on Practical approach to the Flight Data Safety Risks Assessment/Management, in cooperation with Airbus.	Dubai (UAE)
16	November 2013	ITS (Inspector Training System)	Dubai (UAE)
17	December 2013	Seminar on Parts 66/145/147	Dubai (UAE)

Dates to be confirmed

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