**DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION-MIDDLE EAST REGION**

**Second Meeting (DGCA-MID/2)**
*(Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 20-22 May 2013)*

**Agenda Item 6:**     **Aviation Safety**

OUTCOME OF THE RASG-MID/2 MEETING

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

SUMMARY

This working paper presents the outcome of the second meeting of the Middle East Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-MID/2).

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**1.     INTRODUCTION**

1.1     The Middle East Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-MID) has been established following the ICAO Council directive and the Middle East Directors General of Civil Aviation meeting agreement (DGCA-MID/1, United Arab Emirates, 22-24 March 2011).

1.2     The RASG-MID/1 meeting, which was hosted by the Ministry of Civil Aviation of Egypt in Cairo, Egypt, from 18 to 19 September 2011, was a kick-off meeting in order to prepare the ground for the future activity of the Group.  In particular, the RASG-MID/1 meeting reviewed and approved the Terms of Reference of the Group and approved the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook, which includes inter-alia, the Working Arrangements, and Organizational Structure for the RASG-MID.

**2.     DISCUSSION**

2.1     The RASG-MID/2 meeting was hosted by the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), UAE, in Abu Dhabi, UAE, from 12 to 14 November 2012. The meeting was attended by a total of forty (40) participants from nine (9) States (Bahrain, Iran, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and United Arab Emirates) and nine (9) Organizations/Industries (AACO, ACI, Airbus, Boeing, CANSO, COSCAP-GS, IATA, IFALPA and WFP).

2.2     The RASG-MID/2 meeting developed 6 Conclusions and 4 Decisions.

2.3     An Executive Summary of the RASG-MID/2 meeting is at **Appendix A** to this working paper.

**3.      ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1           The meeting is invited to note the outcome of the RASG-MID/2 meeting and urge States to take necessary follow-up actions.


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**APPENDIX A**


**OUTCOME OF THE SECONED MEETING OF THE MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP (RASG-MID/2)**

*(Abu Dhabi, UAE, 12- 14 November 2012)*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.      The First MID Region Annual Safety Report was endorsed and made available to the civil aviation community through a restricted webpage on the ICAO MID Regional Office website.

2.      States that have not provided their data related to incidents and safety occurrences were urged to provide the related data to the ICAO MID Regional Office before 31 December 2012.

3.      States were invited to encourage their Air Operators to implement Flight Operations Quality Assurance Programme (FOQA) or Flight Data Monitoring Programme and provide Trends derived from such programmes for the identification of operational risks and development of proactive and predictive mitigation measures.

4.      The MID Regional Aviation Safety Team (MID-RAST) was established to support the RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC) in the development, implementation and monitoring of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) related to the identified Focus Areas (FAs).

5.      The set of Draft SEIs and DIPs developed by the MID-RAST was reviewed. A revised set of prioritized SEIs and DIPs will be presented to the RSC/2 meeting.

6.      The MID Safety Support Team (MID-SST) was established to support the RSC in the development, implementation and monitoring of SEIs related to identified safety issues not directly linked to the agreed FAs.

7.      States were urged to establish Runway Safety Teams (RST) hosted by airports and including, as a minimum, representation from aerodromes, air operators and air traffic controllers, before 1 March 2013.

8.      States and International Organizations were invited to provide their comments on the proposed approach for Regional Cooperation for the provision of Accident and Incident Investigation Services to the ICAO MID Regional Office, before 31 January 2013.

9.      States that have not provided their replies to the questionnaire related to Accident and Incident Investigation activities and capabilities in the MID Region, were urged to send their replies to the ICAO MID Regional Office before 31 January 2013.

10.      The funding of the RASG-MID Work Programme for 2013 will be ensured mainly through voluntary support of the RASG-MID members and partners.

11.      States and partners were encouraged to use the SAFE earmarked contributions option to secure some funds that could be used for the implementation of the RASG-MID Work Programme.

12.      The RSC Terms of Reference were updated.

13.      The Annual Safety Report Team (MID-ASRT) Terms of Reference were updated.

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