



International Civil Aviation Organization

MIDANPIRG STEERING GROUP

Third Meeting (MSG/3)
(Cairo, Egypt, 17 - 19 June 2013)

Agenda Item 4: Performance Framework for regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation

MIDAD PROJECT

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the outcome of the DGCA-MID/2 meeting related to the MIDAD Project.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The DGCA-MID/1 meeting, through DGCA-MID/1 Conclusion 1/5, agreed that a study/business case be carried out in the MID Region pertaining to the establishment of a MID Region AIS Database (MIDAD).

1.2 Jordan and Bahrain took the lead in carrying out the study with the support of appropriate Consultant and in close coordination with ICAO.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The First Meeting of the MIDAD Study Group (MIDAD STG/1) was held in the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo, 20-22 February 2012.

2.2 MIDANPIRG/13 (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 22-26 April 2012) was apprised of the outcome of the MIDAD STG/1 meeting. The meeting re-iterated that the implementation of a Regional/Sub-Regional AIS Database in the MID Region would improve the quality, availability and timeliness of aeronautical information provided to users and pave the way for the transition from AIS to AIM, in accordance with the ICAO Roadmap.

2.3 MIDANPIRG/13 agreed that the first phase of the MIDAD Study was considered completed and achieved the expected goals. Based on the Recommendations contained in the Initial MIDAD Study Report, the meeting agreed to move ahead with the Project.

2.4 The DGCA-MID/2 meeting (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 20-22 May 2013) was apprised of the MIDANPIRG/13 outcome related to MIDAD. It was highlighted in this respect that the majority of States expect many advantages from MIDAD and would like to play an active role in the MIDAD Project. The meeting noted with appreciation that the first phase of the MIDAD Study was successfully completed and achieved the expected goals and agreed to move ahead with the Project.

2.5 As a follow-up action to the MIDANPIRG/13 Conclusion 13/20, the DGCA-MID/2 meeting noted with satisfaction that Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, UAE and Yemen signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) reflecting their commitment to the MIDAD Project as shown in **Appendix A** to this working paper. The meeting encouraged other States from within and outside the MID Region, interested to participate in the MIDAD Project, to sign the MOA.

2.6 In accordance with the MIDANPIRG/13 Conclusion 13/21 related to the MIDAD legal framework, the meeting noted with appreciation that Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE volunteered to take the lead in carrying out the detailed MIDAD Study (Phase 2). It was highlighted that Phase 2 of the project will be composed of 2 steps. During the first step, a Consultant would be hired to develop the Call for Tender for the detailed Study.

2.7 Based on the above, the meeting agreed to the following Conclusion:

DGCA-MID/2 CONCLUSION 2/7 – PHASE 2 OF THE MIDAD PROJECT

That,

- a) Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE take the lead in carrying out the detailed MIDAD Study (Phase 2), in close coordination with the MIDAD Study Group; and*
- b) States provide all necessary support for the achievement of Phase 2 of the Study.*

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this paper.



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - MOA

MID REGION AIS DATABASE (MIDAD) PROJECT

Date: 20 May 2013

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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MID REGION AIS DATABASE
(MIDAD)**

1. PURPOSE:

- Considering that the implementation of a Regional/Sub-Regional AIS Database in the MID Region would improve the quality, availability and timeliness of aeronautical information provided to users and pave the way for the transition from AIS to AIM, in accordance with the ICAO Roadmap from AIS to AIM;
- Considering the limitations and drawbacks related to the current operational structure and provision of AIS/AIM services in the MID Region;
- Considering the experience of adjacent regions in the implementation of Regional AIS databases and the associated benefits;
- Considering the agreement made by the DGCA-MID/1 meeting held in Abu Dhabi, UAE from 22 to 24 March 2011, through DGCA-MID/1 Conclusion 1/5, to carry out a study/business case pertaining to the establishment of a MID Region AIS Database (MIDAD);
- Considering that a MIDAD Study Group (MIDAD STG) has been established by the Middle East Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG) to monitor the MIDAD Project and address all associated technical, operational, financial, legal and institutional issues;
- Considering the outcome of the initial MIDAD Study (First phase) and the support expressed by the majority of the MID States;
- Considering the outcome of the MIDANPIRG/13 meeting related to the MIDAD Project, which considered that the first phase of the MIDAD Study is completed and has achieved the expected goals; and invited States and all concerned stakeholders to provide necessary support for the achievement of the second phase of the MIDAD Project;
- Considering that through MIDANPIRG/13 Conclusion 13/20, Bahrain, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen confirmed their commitments to the MIDAD Project;
- Considering the agreement of the MIDAD STG, endorsed by MIDANPIRG/13 that:
 - it's necessary to reach first an agreement on the MIDAD legal framework and then the funding of the second phase of the MIDAD project, which will include, inter-alia, the development of the Financial Plan/Model for the whole MIDAD Project phases (set-up, operations, maintenance, etc); and
 - starting from phase 2 of the project (detailed study) and taking into consideration the huge amount of work to be done and Documents to be developed, it's not realistic that this task be achieved on a voluntary basis and accordingly, the outsourcing is necessary, which raises legal, institutional and financial implications; and

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- Considering MIDANPIRG/13 Conclusion 13/21 related to MIDAD Legal framework:

2. AGREEMENT

2.1 The Parties to this agreement, referred to hereunder as Participating States, agreed to the following:

- a. to reflect their commitment to the MIDAD Project, through the signature of this Memorandum;
- b. to provide all necessary support for the achievement of the second phase of the MIDAD Project, based on the agreed legal framework;
- c. other States from within and outside the MID Region, interested to participate in the MIDAD Project, be invited to sign this MOA;
- d. the MIDAD STG monitor the developments of all phases of the MIDAD Project and report progress to MIDANPIRG and its relevant subsidiary bodies; and
- e. a MIDAD Supervisory Management Board composed of Representatives from each Participating State empowered to take decisions should be established to take the strategic decisions related to the MIDAD Project, on behalf of the DGCA's of participating States.

3. LANGUAGE OF CORRESPONDENCE

- a. All correspondences and other information shall be in English;
- b. All correspondence relating to this Agreement, shall be addressed to:

The ICAO Regional Director

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Egyptian Civil Aviation Complex, Airport Road
P.O Box 85, Airport Post office, Terminal One
11776, Cairo, Egypt

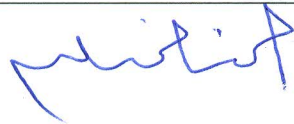




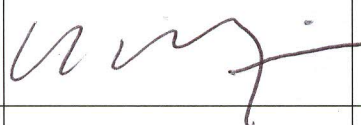


4. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

- a. This agreement may be amended by an instrument in writing signed by each of the parties.

5. ENTRY IN FORCE

- a. This agreement shall come into force on the date it has been signed by the participating States.

6. SIGNATURES

State	Signature	Name/Title	Date
Bahrain		AL UNDER SECRETARY	20/05/2013
Egypt			
Iran			
Iraq		ALI-MUSTAFA	20/05/2013
Jordan		محمد بن القردان	20/05/2013
Kuwait		حوازي عبد العزيز الفرح رئيسة الضمان لدى	21/5/2013
Lebanon		دايان الراسي	20/5/2013
Libya			
Oman		SARIM AL AULI CEO / PACTA	21/5/13
Qatar		Abdulaziz M. AL Noaimi	20/5/2013
Saudi Arabia		مؤيد بن جعفر	20/5/2013

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Sudan		Ahmed Satti Bajouri	20-05-2013
Syria			
UAE		SAIF ALSUWAIDY	20-05-13
Yemen		Hamed Ahmad Farag	20/5/2013

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