



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**First Meeting of the MID Safety Support Team  
(MID-SST/1)**

*(Cairo, Egypt, 18-20 March 2014)*

**Agenda Item 2: MID-SST Work Programme**

**UAE GCAA COORDINATION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO  
ACCIDENT INCIDENT INVESTIGATION IN THE MID REGION**

*(Presented by UAE)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper provides an update of MID-SST and UAE GCAA activities related to better coordination of the Accident Incident Investigation Units in the MID Region.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**REFERENCES**

- DGCA-MID/1 & 2 Reports
- ICAO Doc 9756
- ICAO Doc 9946
- RASG-MID/2 Report

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 ICAO Docs 9756 & 9946 encourages States to foster Regional Aviation Safety Groups. Regional arrangements may include aircraft accident investigation matters, such as the delegation of investigations or parts thereof or enlisting the mutual assistance and cooperation of States in Accidents and Incidents Investigation.

1.2 The MID-SST was established to support the RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC) in the development, implementation and monitoring of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) related to identified safety issues not directly linked to the agreed Focus Areas:

1. improve status of implementation of State Safety Programs (SSPs) in the MID Region;
2. strengthening of States' safety oversight capabilities through the establishment of Regional/Sub-regional Safety Oversight Organization(s); and
3. improve regional cooperation for the provision of Accident & Incident Investigation.

## **2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 Even though MID-RASG/ 3 meeting agreed that Accident and Incident Investigation is not top priority SEIs related to MID-SST activities and MID-SST should focus on SSP/SMS implementation in the MID Region, UAE GCAA strategy is to move forward in enhancing regional cooperation in Accident and Incident Investigation, to update the meeting ,the following has been taken in this regards:

1. Two workshops and one seminar where held in 2012 and 2013 for the purpose of enhancing Accident/Incident Investigation in the Region.
2. On-going specialized Courses organized by UAE GCAA in Air Accident Investigation (2 courses a year), MID Region States were invited to participate in the courses.
3. The UAE GCAA has established the Middle East and North Africa Society of Air Safety Investigators (MENASASI), and signed affiliation with the International Society of Air Safety Investigators (ISASI), Board Members were selected from different states (ACAC & MID Region), and yearly workshop/seminar is taken place.
4. The UAE GCAA published "The Investigator" Accident Investigation magazine semi-annually, to promote air safety in the region by publishing of ideas, experiences, and information on aircraft Accident/Incident investigations and prevention, the first issue was on October 2013 and distributed to investigation bodies and air safety personnel in the region.
5. Air Accident Investigation Sector of UAE GCAA signed an MOU with the Kingdom of Bahrain and in process of signing an MOU with the Kingdom of Jordan.

## **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) encourage States to participate in the above regional accident investigation cooperation efforts;
- b) participate in MENASASI workshop that will take place in November 2014 in UAE; and
- c) consider developing a special DIP with UAE as a Champion with action plans to enhance AIG Regional Cooperation/Coordination including training.