



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**Special Coordination Meeting on the Implementation of ATM  
Contingency Arrangements \*UEO/KCEC+**

**(Cairo, Egypt, 24 - 25 September 2014)**

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**Agenda Item 3: ATM Contingency Arrangements**

**PROPOSED CONTINGENCY PROCESS**

*(Presented by IATA)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper presented by IATA address recent events involving airlines determination to circumvent FIR's for safety concerns due to political events that do not constitute the formal activation of the ICAO ATM Contingency Route Plan.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The meeting may wish to provide the opportunity for delegates to provide an overview of their State contingency plan as it relates to an increase in overflight traffic due to airline flight planning around FIR's, airways or identified areas of airspace due to airline specific safety concerns.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The meeting may wish to provide the opportunity for delegates to provide an overview of their past and current Challenges as it relates to an increase in historical overflight traffic due to flight planning around current FIR closures or specific airspace due to safety concerns and or regulatory directives.

2.2 The meeting may wish to discuss the development of a documented harmonised regional strategy and process to address current and future events as stated in 2.1.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to consider the following:

- a) the development of harmonized and documented process associated with regional airspace issues that cause avoidance flight planning;
- b) a structured process that involves impacted States and airlines; and
- c) utilizing the IATA MENA Office as the focal point for regional notification of planed route changes utilizing the following notification process:
  - 48 hours prior: Airlines to provide an advisory notification to IATA of possible routing changes involving the non-use of routes and or FIR. IATA to advise ICAO-MID Office.
  - 24 Hours prior: Airlines to notify IATA of alternate route usage and airline specific expected volume, IATA to make necessary FIR advisory notification of planned changes and expected volume and notifies ICAO-MID Office.
  - 12 Hours prior: Airlines to Advise IATA that routing changes will take effect and when IATA to advise affected FIR's of such confirmed changes and notifies ICAO-MID Office.

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