



DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION-MIDDLE EAST REGION

Third Meeting (DGCA-MID/3) (Doha, Qatar, 27-29 April 2015)

Agenda Item 3: Managerial Issues

ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS AND MISSIONS IN THE MID REGION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

The aim of this paper is to address the challenges related to the conduct of some meetings and missions in the MID Region, due mainly to the difficulty of issuance of entry visa to the participants, including the ICAO staff.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The conduct of meetings and missions necessitate coordination with the host State (even if the event is held in the ICAO MID Regional Office). The issuance of entry visa to some participants was in many cases a big challenge.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting may wish to note that the delays in visa processing or even visa refusal, in some cases, led to the postponement of some events and/or resulted in low level of attendance in other events.

2.2 In connection with the above, the meeting may wish to note that the Middle East Regional Monitoring Agency (MIDRMA) raised concern to the First meeting of the Air Navigation Systems Implementation Group (ANSIG/1) (Cairo, Egypt, 10-12 February 2015) related to the difficulties they are facing when conducting GMU missions especially with the Customs (i.e.: the Customs do not authorize the MIDRMA staff to enter the Country with the GMU Units). In this regard, the ANSIG/1 meeting reiterated the following MIDANPIRG/14 Conclusion:

*CONCLUSION 14/37: ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF GMU
MONITORING MISSIONS*

That, prior to the conduct of any GMU monitoring mission:

- a) the MIDRMA notify the concerned MIDRMA Board Member; and*
- b) the MIDRMA Board member is to undertake necessary arrangements at the national level with concerned authorities (CAA, Customs, Security, etc.) to facilitate the MIDRMA Team mission.*

2.3 Based on the above, the ANSIG/1 meeting urged States to implement the provisions of the above Conclusion and agreed that this issue should be raised to the attention of the DGCA-MID/3 meeting, for appropriate action.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) explore ways and means to facilitate the granting of entry visas for official missions to the participants attending ICAO events, in a timely manner; and
- b) urge States to take necessary measures to implement the provisions of MIDANPIRG/14 Conclusion 14/37.

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