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**Subject: Fifth Meeting of the MID OPMET Bulletin Management Group
(MID OPMET BMG/5)
(Bahrain, 9 June 2015)**

Action Required: Reply not later than 15 May 2015

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the MIDANPIRG/15 Invitation Letter Ref.: ME 3 – 15/81 dated 5 March 2015; please note that the Fifth Meeting of the MID OPMET Bulletin Management Group (MID OPMET BMG/5) will be held concurrently with the MIDANPIRG/15 meeting on **9 June 2015** in the same venue **Gulf Hotel – Gulf International Convention Centre, Bahrain**.

It would be highly appreciated if you could ensure that your MET/BMG Focal Point would be part of your delegation attending the MIDANPIRG/15 meeting, in order to participate in the discussions related to the MET field and to participate in the BMG/5 meeting.

The provisional agenda for the MID OPMET BMG/5 meeting is at **Attachment A**. Your comments on the attached provisional agenda, including any amendment(s) you may wish to suggest, would be appreciated. The Hotel list and Bulletin describing administrative arrangements for the meeting, including the procedure related to the application for entry visa to Bahrain is at **Attachment B**.

The MID OPMET BMG/5 meeting will review documentation associated with OPMET exchange such as the MID Air Navigation Plan Volume II (FASID) Part VI (MET) and MID SIGMET Guide. Furthermore, the meeting will be apprised of progress related to the implementation of Regional OPMET Centre (ROC) Jeddah and back-up ROC Bahrain necessary for the efficient regional and inter-regional exchange of OPMET data. The meeting is also expected to review and monitor the key performance indicators related to OPMET.

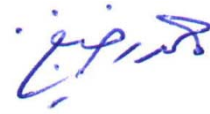
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In view of the above, your Administration/Organization is encouraged to participate actively in the work of the MID OPMET BMG/5 meeting by submitting working and/or information papers covering some of the subjects contained in the provisional agenda. I would be grateful to receive your papers in an electronic format prior to **25 May 2015**, in order to allow time for reviewing before posting on the website. Your email should be addressed to icaomid@icao.int with a copy to ckeohan@paris.icao.int.

This letter, all its relevant attachments and working/information papers (as they become available), will be posted in PDF format on the ICAO MID Website at: <http://icao.int/mid/>.

I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **15 May 2015**, confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization by submitting the Nomination Form at **Attachment C** to the ICAO MID Regional Office at the following email address (icaomid@icao.int).

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Mohamed R. M. Khonji
ICAO Regional Director, Cairo

Attachments

MID OPMET BMG/5 MEETING

(Bahrain, 9 June 2015)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1: Provisional Agenda
- Agenda Item 2: Terms of Reference and Working arrangements
- Agenda Item 3: Status of regional and inter-regional OPMET exchange and implementation of Regional OPMET Centre (ROC) Jeddah and back-up ROC Bahrain
- Agenda Item 4: Regional OPMET bulletin exchange procedures and associated guidance
- Agenda Item 5: SIGMET tests – MID States
- Agenda Item 6: Future Work Programme
- Agenda Item 7: Any other Business



International Civil Aviation Organization

Fifth Meeting of the MID OPMET Bulletin Management Group

(MID OPMET BMG/5)
(Bahrain, 9 June 2015)

BULLETIN

1. LOCATION

1.1 The Fifth Meeting of the MID OPMET Bulletin Management Group (MID OPMET BMG/5) will be held at the **Gulf Hotel – Gulf International Convention Center**, Bahrain, 9 June 2015. The meeting will be hosted by Civil Aviation Affairs (CAA) of The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications of Kingdom of Bahrain.

2. SCHEDULE OF THE MEETING

- 2.1 The opening session of the meeting will be held at 0900 hours on Tuesday 9 June 2015.
- 2.2 The schedule and order of the day will be announced at the Opening session.
- 2.3 The meeting will be conducted in English.

3. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

3.1 Participants are requested to register, at the Registration Desk located at the entrance of the designated conference room, between 0800 and 0900 hours on the opening day of the meeting. Participants are also requested to wear the Identification Badge which will be issued to them during registration.

4. DOCUMENTATION

4.1 Kindly note that no documentation in hard copy will be available. Participants are requested to bring their laptops to the meeting.

5. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

5.1 Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations. A list of hotels with Civil Aviation Affairs (CAA) Bahrain corporate rates are attached for your convenience. **Mrs. Surbita D'Souza** - email: sdsouza@caa.gov.bh - Tel: +973 17 329932 from CAA will be the focal point for any inquiry or issue with hotel reservations.

6. TRANSPORTATION

- 6.1 Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport to the city and return; some hotels offer airport transfers.
- 6.2 Airport Taxi Services operate from the Airport to Bahrain downtown is approx. 10 BD per vehicle

7. INSURANCE

7.1 Participants are advised to have insurance coverage for any unexpected contingency including transport hazards (taxi, buses, rented cars, etc.) and Medical Coverage.

8. SOME USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

PASSPORT/VISA

- 8.1 All foreign nationals entering Bahrain must possess valid passports for a minimum of six months.
- 8.2 Visa, when needed, should be obtained from the Bahrain Embassy or Consulate in the Country of Origin/Residence prior to departure for Bahrain, e-visa can be applied through <https://www.evisa.gov.bh/>
- 8.3 In case a Delegate faces any problem with the Visa, copy of the Passport of the Delegate should be sent 4 weeks prior to travel, to CAA Bahrain, attention of **Mrs. Maryam Qassim A.Rahim**, Email: **mrahim@caa.gov.bh**

CUSTOMS

- 8.4 The following items are allowed to be brought into Bahrain:
- Personal effects, such as necessary clothing
 - 200 cigarettes or 250 gr. of cigars or tobacco
 - Perfume for personal use

Additional quantities of the above items may also be purchased from the Airport duty free shop after clearing customs.

9. CURRENCY, CREDIT CARDS AND BANKING SERVICES

- 9.1 The unit of currency in Bahrain is the **Bahraini Dinar (BHD)**. Current rate of exchange for US \$ is US \$ 1 = 0.378 approximately.
- 9.2 There are no restrictions on import of foreign currency.
- 9.3 International Credit Cards, such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa, Master Charge, Carte Blanche, etc. are usually accepted at most hotels, department stores and restaurants.
- 9.4 All commercial banks exchange major foreign currencies and are open from 0800 to 1300 hours Sundays through Thursdays.

10. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

SHOPPING

- 10.1 Shopping areas are available in Bahrain. Be prepared to bargain in small shops, sidewalk vendors etc. In large stores, however, the prices are fixed.

TAP WATER

- 10.2 It is recommended that all visitors drink only bottled water/beverages.

11. WEATHER CONDITIONS

- 11.1 The main daily minimum and maximum temperatures for the month of June in Bahrain are between 38° and 30°C.

12. OTHER ASSISTANCE

- 12.1 The CAA Bahrain will be glad to assist the participants to the meeting with any advice they may require.

12.2 The meeting Focal Points from CAA Bahrain are as follows:

- **Mr. Nader Ahmed Abdulla**
Email: Nader@caa.gov.bh
Mob: +973 3962 0005
Tel: +973 17321163

- **Mr. Hussain Ali Hamada**
Email: hhamada@caa.gov.bh
Mob: +973 36631171
Tel.: +973 17321173

12.3 In case of emergency in Bahrain, please call the above meeting Focal Points.

**LIST OF HOTELS
KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN**

Name	Type/Rate of Room	Contact Email	Telephone Number(s)
Gulf Hotel, Manama 5* <i>Venue of the meeting</i>	Deluxe Single (New tower block) BD 60 ++ Breakfast included	sm3@gulphotelbahrain.com	+973 17746343
Intercon Regency Hotel 5*	Single Room BD 70++ Breakfast included	reservation@icbahrain.com Shamil.samsudeen@ihg.com	+973 17208344
Crown Plaza, Manama 5*	Single Room BD 63 ++ Breakfast included	Ahmed.abdulla@ihg.com	+973 17531122
Art Rotana Hotel (Amwaj Islands) 5*	Single BD 70 ++ Breakfast included	ebrahim.salahaldin@rotana.com	+973 16000111
Movenpick Hotel, Muharraq 5*	Superior Single BD 75 ++ Breakfast not included	Evangeline.Natagoc@moevenpick.com	+973 17460000
Sheraton Hotel, Manama 5*	Superior Single BD 75 ++ Breakfast not included	Nardine.Emil@sheraton.com	+973 17533533
The Westin (City Centre Mall) 5*	Superior Single BD 85++ Breakfast included	ilhame.almal@starwoodhotels.com	+973 17171000
The Domain Hotel & Spa 5* Boutique	Superior Single BD 60++ Breakfast included	yulia@thedomainhotels.com	+973 16000100
Novotel AL Dana Resort & Spa Muharraq 4*	Superior Single BD 48 ++ Breakfast included (Free Transport to and from the airport)	Khalil GHANEM H3600-SL4@accor.com	+973 17298008
K Hotel, Juffair 4*	Deluxe Single BD 55 ++ Breakfast included	sm2@thekhotel.com	+973 17360000
Best Western The Plus Olive, Juffair 4*	Superior Single BD 35 ++ Breakfast included (Free Transport to and from the airport)	chandu.kiran@gamahotels.com	+973 17211133
Swiss-Belhotel, Seef 4*	Superior Single BD 45 ++ Breakfast included (Free transport to and from the airport)	Katherine Carlos sm1sbse@swiss-belhotel.com	+973 66310000
Le Meridien (City Centre Mall) 4*	Superior Single BD 65 ++ Breakfast included	ilhame.almal@starwoodhotels.com	+973 17171111
