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Runway and Ground Safety Working Group

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Agenda Item 3: Implementation of Aerodrome Safety Priorities and Objectives in the MID Region

OUTCOMES OF CAPSCA-MID/5 MEETING AND TRAINING WORKSHOP

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper presents the outcomes of CAPSCA-MID/5 meeting held in Cairo, Egypt from 29 February to 3 March 2016.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- CAPSCA-MID/5 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 ICAO Annex 14 Vol. I (Para 9.1.1) requires that an aerodrome emergency plan shall be established at an aerodrome, commensurate with the aircraft operations and other activities conducted at the aerodrome. The Aerodrome Emergency Plan (AEP) is an essential part of the aerodrome certification process requirement.

1.2 The aerodrome emergency plan shall provide for the coordination of the actions to be taken in an emergency occurring at an aerodrome or in its vicinity. Examples of emergencies include natural disaster and public health emergencies.

1.3 ICAO initiative that addresses the public health is the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA). After the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in 2014 and Zika virus in 2015, CAPSCA is playing an important role with the World Health Organization to control the spread of communicable diseases through air travel.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 CAPSCA programme was initiated in 2006 with a focus on preventing and managing the spread of communicable diseases by air travel. It assists States to implement public health-related amendments to the ICAO Annexes, which in turn are based on the World Health Organization International Health Regulations (2005). It is currently operating in all Regions (Europe, Asia Pacific, Africa, the Americas and the Middle East). The programme is managed by ICAO, in close collaboration with the WHO, and additional partners including Airports Council International (ACI) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

2.2 ICAO has included specific Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) in Annexes 6, 9, 11, 14, and 18, and PANS-ATM (Doc. 4444) as well as guidelines for States, airports, air traffic services and airlines for public health management and reducing the risk of the spread of communicable diseases through air travel. CAPSCA provides technical assistance programmes and training to support States, ANSPs, airport and aircraft operators' implementation of the public health related SARPs. It also provides Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284).

2.3 The initial objective of the CAPSCA programme has been to prevent the risk of the spread of communicable diseases through air travel. However, this objective has been expanded in order to increase State preparedness and response to all public health emergencies of international concern e.g. radiation emergencies, chemical emergencies, etc.

2.4 Currently, around 120 States joined CAPSCA out of 191 ICAO Contracting States and 73 Airport Assistance Visits were conducted globally. After participation of UAE, number of MID States that joined CAPSCA programme became twelve (12) out of the fifteen MID States and so far, four (4) Assistance Visits have been conducted to Jordan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Sudan. CAPSCA-MID member States are Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and UAE.

2.5 The Fifth Middle East CAPSCA Regional meeting (CAPSCA-MID/5) and Training Workshop were conducted in Cairo, Egypt from 29 February to 3 March 2016. The meeting was hosted by the Egyptian Ministry of Civil Aviation and organized by ICAO in close coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO).

2.6 CAPSCA-MID/5 meeting was attended by a total of forty two (42) participants from six (6) States, one (1) International Organization as well as representatives from public health and aviation sectors. The CAPSCA-MID/5 work programme, presentations and report are available on the following link: <http://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/capsca-mid.aspx>.

2.7 CAPSCA-MID/6 meeting will be graciously hosted by Sudan in Khartoum from 20 to 22 February 2017. MID States and international organizations are encouraged to actively participate and support.

2.8 RASG-MID/5 meeting recognized the importance of CAPSCA programme to address public health issues and urged States that have not yet done so, to join the CAPSCA-MID project and request CAPSCA Assistance Visit. In addition, the meeting encouraged States to host and support future CAPSCA-MID meetings.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) urge States, that have not yet done so, to join the CAPSCA-MID project and request technical assistance; and
- b) encourage States to participate to CAPSCA-MID/6 meeting host and support future CAPSCA-MID meetings.