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Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

NCMCS MEETING

(Presented by Secretariat)

<p style="text-align: center;">SUMMARY</p> <p>This paper presents the outcome of the first NCMCs meeting.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">REFERENCES</p> <p>- MID SST/3 Final Report</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The National Continuous Monitoring Coordinators (NCMCs) meeting was held on 11 October 2016 as part of the Third meeting of the MID Safety Support Team (MID-SST/3), which was hosted by the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), Abu Dhabi, UAE 10-13 October 2016.

1.2 The meeting was a great opportunity to share experiences, challenges and best practices, which were appreciated by all participants.

2. DISCUSSION

USOAP-CMA Regional Status

2.1 The NCMCs meeting noted the current regional status related to the USOAP CMA, as follows:

- 1) 2 out of the 15 States in the MID Region have not yet received a USOAP audit (Iraq and Yemen);
- 2) the current average EI in the MID Region is 66.17% (at the time of the meeting);
- 3) 61.54% (8 States) of the States in the MID Region have achieved the target of 60% EI;
- 4) lowest EI with regard to the CEs are related to CE4, CE7 and CE8;

- 5) lowest EI with regard to the Audit Areas are related to ANS followed by AGA, LEG, AIG and ORG; and
- 6) low progress in CAPs development/update and implementation.

2.2 The meeting may wish to recall that the RASG-MID/5 meeting underlined that the progress of updating the Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) to address identified findings from the USOAP-CMA is low. Accordingly, the NCMCs meeting reiterated the following RASG-MID/5 Conclusion:

CONCLUSION 5/1: ICAO USOAP-CMA IMPLEMENTATION

That, States:

- a) *be urged to prioritise and take action as needed to improve their safety oversight system, with particular attention to:*
 - i. *the implementation of Corrective Action Plans (CAP) and reporting the progress on the On-line Framework (OLF); and*
 - ii. *the completion of the self-assessments and uploading of the relevant evidences on the OLF;*
- b) *are encouraged to request assistance from ICAO, as required.*

2.3 The meeting may wish to note that a MID Regional USOAP-CMA Workshop will be held at the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt (6-8 February 2017) to provide valuable information regarding the implementation of the USOAP-CMA and the use of the USOAP-CMA OLF.

Presentations by the States' NCMCs related to the USOAP-CMA

2.4 Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar and UAE provided presentations highlighting the status of their safety oversight system, challenges faced and best practices.

2.5 The following common challenges/difficulties were identified:

- 1) lack of sufficient human resources (qualified technical personnel) to meet the State's obligations and carry out oversight functions and mandate;
- 2) the ability to attract, recruit and retain sufficiently qualified/experienced technical personnel;
- 3) training;
- 4) separation of oversight functions and service providers/operators; and
- 5) political/security situation/stability in some States.

2.6 The NCMCs meeting noted with appreciation the sharing of experience in the preparation, conduct and follow-up of ICAO USOAP-CMA activities and identified the following as best practices and actions:

- 1) high level commitment and engagement (regular briefings and meetings);

- 2) preparation well in advance (giving sufficient time);
- 3) assignment of focal point(s) for each audit area;
- 4) training of personnel (USOAP-CMA CBT, Workshop, participation in ICVMs and Audits), including the conduct of a USOAP-CMA Workshop (cost-recovery basis) at National level;
- 5) using the self-assessment to conduct internal audits, prepare for ICAO USOAP CMA activities; and monitor the civil aviation safety oversight system;
- 6) take advantage of other States experiences;
- 7) update all CAPs to fully address the PQ findings and report the progress made on the CAPs implementation, which is a vital factor for the planning and conduct of the USOAP-CMA validation activities; and
- 8) regular update of the required information such as the State Aviation Activities Questionnaire (SAAQ) and Compliance Checklist/Electronic Filing of Differences (CC/EFOD).

2.7 The NCMCs meeting noted with appreciation that the missions conducted by the ICAO MID Regional Office to the States provided valuable assistance and guidance related to the USOAP-CMA, including the preparation for Audits and ICVMs.

2.8 The meeting thanked ICAO for conducting the NCMCs meeting as part of the SST agenda; and requested that this practice should be continued in the future.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the outcome of the NCMCs meeting including the identified challenges/difficulties and best practices and actions, and agree on the way forward;
- b) support the future NCMCs meeting, which will be part of the MID-SST meetings; and
- c) encourage States to actively participate in the MID Regional USOAP-CMA Workshop to be held at the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt (6-8 February 2017) .

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