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**MID Safety Support Team**

**Third Meeting (MID-SST/3)**  
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**Agenda Item 2: MID-SST Work Programme**

**UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
MID-SST SAFETY ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVES (SEIS)**

*(Presented by the MID-SST Rapporteur)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper provides a progress report on the Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs)

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**REFERENCES**

- RASG-MID/5 Final Report

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 A Safety Support Team (SST) was formed to support the implementation of the endorsed SEIs and provide feedback to the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) and RASG-MID.

1.2 Three Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) were endorsed by the RASG-MID/3 (Kuwait, 27-29 January 2014):

- a) improve status of implementation of State Safety Programme (SSPs) in the MID Region;
- b) strengthening of States' Safety Oversight capabilities through the establishment of Regional/Sub-regional Safety Oversight Organizations(s) (RSOO); and
- c) improve Regional cooperation for the provision of Accident & Incident Investigation.

**2. DISCUSSION**

***Implementation of SSP in MID Region***

2.1 With respect to the first SEI “improve status of implementation of SSP in MID Region”, the following DIPs have been completed:

- 1- (MID-SST/01) related to the establishment of an RSOO to support the SSP implementation in the Region;
- 2- (MID-SST/02) related to SMS guidance material; and
- 3- (MID-SST/03) related to SSP/SMS Workshop.

2.2 The meeting may wish to recall that Nine (9) States have signed the letter of Intent related to the establishment of the MENA RSOO during the DGCA-MID/3 meeting held in Doha, Qatar, in April 2015 (Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Morocco, Qatar and Saudi Arabia).

2.3 The primary objective of MENA RSOO would be to assist its member States to develop and implement State Safety Programme (SSP). The MENA RSOO would also, on the demand of individual States, provide assistance to improve States' safety oversight capabilities. The RSOO should perform its duties and functions within the framework of the GASP and should be fully aligned with the RASGs' priorities and objectives.

2.4 It's to be highlighted that during the Global Ministerial Aviation Summit held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 29 to 31 August 2016, Saudi Arabia re-confirmed the offer to host the MENA RSOO and provide financial and technical support for the first 2 years of operations (two safety Experts and one administrative employee in addition to the premises). Accordingly, the Summit agreed to the following Recommendation:

***MENA RSOO Recommendation***

*States and Stakeholders are encouraged to:*

- a) support the expeditious establishment of the MENA RSOO; and*
- b) provide voluntary cash and/or in-kind contribution (seconded personnel, etc.)*

2.5 It was agreed that in order to monitor the progress of the SSP implementation and keep ICAO informed on the process, States should continuously update the Gap Analysis on iSTARS. It was highlighted that the Gap Analysis could be shared by selecting this option on iSTARS. Accordingly, the meeting urged States to update the Gap Analysis on iSTARS on a regular basis and encouraged them to use the option which allows the sharing of their Gap Analysis.

2.6 The RASG-MID/5 meeting agreed that SMS implementation is one of the aerodrome certification challenges and that the subject should be addressed under the framework of the MID-SST in coordination with the RGS WG. It was noted that Saudi Arabia is coordinating with Egypt to provide feedback on the action plan related to enhancement of SMS implementation at MID International Aerodromes.

***States' Safety Oversight Capabilities***

2.7 With regards to the second SEI "Strengthening of States' Safety Oversight Capabilities", the RASG-MID/5 meeting supported the MID-SST proposal to organize an NCMC meeting to share States information including current status, main obstacles, needs and work programme. The meeting urged States to support the MID-SST/3 meeting and ensure active participation of the NCMCs. According to the Agenda, the NCMCs Meeting includes update on the ICAO USOAP-CMA, regional status and presentations by the States' NCMCs related to the USOAP-CMA.

2.8 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 meeting urged States to take necessary measures to update their CAPs including the progress of implementation.

2.9 It is to be highlighted that the 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 (ICAO EB 2016/36, dated 17 June 2016 refers).

### ***Accident & Incident Investigation***

2.10 With respect to the third SEI "Regional Cooperation for the Provision of Accident & Incident investigation", the RASG-MID/5 meeting agreed that the Strategy for the establishment of Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organization(s) (RAIOs), needs to be revised in order to reach a mature level of regional cooperation before considering any feasibility study on the establishment of RAIO(s). The subject will be further addressed in a separate working paper, including the organization of a joint ACAC/ICAO AIG Workshop in Saudi Arabia in 2017.

2.11 The 2016 MENASASI (Middle East & North Africa Society of Air safety investigators) Seminar was held in Rabat, Morocco (20-21 September). 80 Investigators & Airsafety personnel attended the Seminar. The next MENASASI Seminar is scheduled to take place in Saudi Arabia in 2017.

2.12 The meeting may wish to note that a Workshop on the Protection of Accident and Incident Investigation records is planned to be held in Cairo, Egypt (3-5 July 2017).

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the progress made related to the implementation of each SEIs and take actions as necessary; and
- b) encourage States to actively participate in the following events:
  - 1- MID Regional USOAP CMA Workshop to be held at the ICAO MID Regional Office, Cairo Egypt (6-8 February 2017);
  - 2- MENASASI Seminar & AIG Workshop which is scheduled to take place in Saudi Arabia in 2017; and
  - 3- Workshop on the Protection of Accident and Incident Investigation records is planned to be held in Cairo, Egypt (3-5 July 2017).