



## DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION-MIDDLE EAST REGION

### Fourth Meeting (DGCA-MID/4) (Muscat, Oman, 17-19 October 2017)

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#### Agenda Item 3: Managerial Issues

##### MID IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (MIDIP)

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

#### SUMMARY

The aim of this paper is to present the outcome of the Global Ministerial Aviation Summit (GMA), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and the 39th session of the Assembly of ICAO related to the regional projects/initiatives in air navigation and safety, and the establishment of a MID Implementation Plan (MIDIP).

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Based on an initiative from Saudi Arabia, the Global Ministerial Aviation Summit (GMA) was hosted by Saudi Arabia, in Riyadh from 29 to 31 August 2016. The Summit provided an opportunity for the exchange of information, experience, benchmarking and lessons learned related to regional projects that were implemented in different regions. It provided also a platform for presenting the current and future top priority regional projects aiming at enhancing safety and efficiency of air navigation in the region.

#### 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The following regional initiatives/projects presented to the Summit have been coordinated with States and regional and international organizations considering the priorities identified within the framework of the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID, as well as the Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) ongoing initiatives:

- a) ARNOP (ATS Route Network Optimization Project)
- b) MID FPP (MID Region Flight Procedure Programme)
- c) MENA RSOO (Middle East and North Africa Regional Safety Oversight Organization)
- d) ICAO MID NCLB Activities for 2017

- e) Agency for Flight Checks and Collection of Air Navigation Charges
- f) ACAC Regional Training Cooperation Initiative

2.2 The GMA Summit supported the President of the Council of ICAO's proposal related to the establishment of a structured programme in the MID Region, similar to the ICAO Africa and Indian Ocean (AFI) Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plans (ACIP). The establishment of a MID Implementation Plan (MIDIP) would foster cooperation of all stakeholders towards the development and implementation of initiatives and projects aimed at the enhancement of safety and efficiency of the air transport system in the region, in support of the ICAO No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative. The Plan would provide also a framework for the mobilization of resources to support effective implementation of these initiatives and projects with adequate funding and staffing.

2.3 The GMA Summit agreed to the following Recommendation:

***MID Implementation Plan (MIDIP) Recommendation***

*ICAO is invited to take necessary measures towards the establishment of a MID Implementation Plan (MIDIP) to:*

- a) foster cooperation of all stakeholders towards the development and implementation of initiatives and projects aimed at the enhancement of safety and efficiency of the air transport system in the region, in support of the ICAO No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative; and*
- b) provide a framework for the mobilization of resources to support effective implementation of the regional/sub-regional initiatives and projects with adequate funding and staffing.*

2.4 The outcome of the GMA Summit related specifically to MIDIP was presented to the 39th session of the Assembly of ICAO through A39-WP/392-EX/153. The Assembly requested that appropriate action be taken by ICAO to consider the above Recommendation and encouraged States in the Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) and ICAO MID Regions, with support from ICAO, to establish and implement the MIDIP.

2.5 The MIDIP might be used to support the implementation of capacity-building initiatives related to safety, security and air navigation.

2.6 The meeting may wish to note that there had been changes/developments related to the implementation of some of the projects/initiatives supported by the GMA Summit, concerning the priorities and timelines.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) support the establishment of MIDIP;
- b) encourage States and stakeholders from within and outside the region to provide voluntary financial contributions to expedite the establishment of MIDIP; and
- c) agree that a kick-off meeting of the MIDIP Steering Committee composed of the DGCAs of MID States should be organized upon the availability of necessary resources to implement the identified projects and capacity building initiatives.