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Regional Aviation Safety Group - Middle East

Sixth Meeting (RASG-MID/6)
(Bahrain, 26-28 September 2017)

Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

OUTCOME OF THE NCMCs MEETING

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This paper presents the outcome of the first NCMCs meeting. Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.
REFERENCES
- MID SST/3 Final Report

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.

2. DISCUSSION

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

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

2.3 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.

2.4 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).

2.5 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.*

2.6 In this regard, the meeting may wish to note that the MID Regional USOAP-CMA Workshop held at the ICAO MID Regional Office, 6-8 February 2017, provided valuable information regarding the implementation of the USOAP-CMA and the use of the USOAP-CMA OLF.

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 and agree to the proposal in para. 2.8; and
- b) urge States to take necessary measures to implement the provisions of Conclusion 5/1.

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