

SEVENTH MEETING OF MIDANPIRG STEERING GROUP (MSG/7)

(CAIRO, EGYPT, 1-3 SEPTEMBER
2020)

(PRESENTED BY THE STATE OF QATAR)



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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- This working highlights the urgent need by the State of Qatar for expediting the process for discussion of the “proposal by the State of Qatar for the amendment of the ICAO MID Air Navigation Plan (Doc 9708), MID AND-Volume I (Serial No.: MID ANP-I/20/01-ATM/SAR)” by MIDANPIRG.
- **Action:**
- The Meeting is invited to:
 - a) Note the current status of the proposal; and
 - b) recommend the scheduling of a dedicated virtual MIDANPIRG meeting to address the proposal Serial No.: MID ANP-I 20/01-ATM/SAR.

I. INTRODUCTION



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- 1.1 The State of Qatar submitted a proposal for the amendment of the Middle East Air Navigation Plan in August 2018 (MID ANP-I 20/01) requesting the establishment of a dedicated Qatar FIR/UIR.
- 1.2 The rationale behind was based on the fact that the current Bahrain FIR boundary no longer serve the best interest of flight operations in the region and need to be updated.

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- 1.3 The State of Qatar wants to exercise its sovereign right to establish a Flight Information Region/Upper Information Region (FIR/UIR) to ensure a seamless, continuous, efficient, safe and cost-effective provision of Air Navigation Services (ANS).
- The design of the airspace will respect the terms of the ICAO Assembly Resolution A38-12 with the aim of ensuring safety and optimizing efficiency and economy for both providers and users of the services.
- Note: It is to be noted that Qatar had intended to establish its own FIR before the current political situation developed and intends to establish the QFIR regardless of the development of the geopolitical circumstances.



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2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The ICAO Middle East office has accordingly given some options for the convening of a dedicated MIDANPIRG meeting to address this proposal. The State of Qatar has opted for the convening of a virtual meeting in the first week of September to address the issue. However, some concerned States propose that the meeting be instead held in February next year.
- 2.2 In accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Air Navigation plan, if objection remains, the matter will be documented for discussion by the respective planning and implementation regional group (PIRG), and ultimately for formal consideration by the Air Navigation Commission, if it remains unresolved.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING



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- 3.1 Based on the forgoing, MSG/7 is invited to:
 - a) note the current status of the proposal; and accordingly
 - b) recommend the scheduling of a dedicated virtual MIDANPIRG meeting to address the proposal Serial No.: MID ANP-I 20/01-ATM/SAR, as soon as possible, and preferably by October 2020.