



International Civil Aviation Organization

**RASG-MID Chairs Teleconference -via Zoom
(6 May 2020)**

ATTENDEES:

RASG-MID Chairs:

RASG-MID Second Vice Chairperson	Mr. Jehad Faqir, Assistant Director Safety and Flight Operations, IATA
RSC Chairperson	Mr. Mohammad Faisal Al Dossari, Assistant Director General Air Accident Investigation, GCAA, UAE
ASRG Chairperson	Mr. Theeb Abdullah Al Otaibi, Director of Safety Analysis, Aviation Investigation Bureau, AIB, Saudi Arabia
ASPIG Chairperson	Mr. Mohammed Yousif Mohamed, Acting Manager Aerodromes Section, GCAA, UAE

ICAO MID Office:

- Mohamed Smaoui (Acting RD);
- Mashhor Alblowi (RO/FLS);
- Muna Alnadaf (RO/CNS);
- Mohamed Chakib (RO/SAF-IMP);
- Mohamed Iheb Hamdi (RO/AGA);
- Radhouan Aissaoui, (RO/IM);
- Ahmad Amireh (RO/ATM/SAR);
- Ahmad Kavehfiroz (RO/ATM); and
- Hoda Gabriel (TA/FLS, SAF-IMP, CNS & AGA)

Provisional Agenda

The meeting agreed on the following Agenda:

- Introduction
- RASG-MID/7 and RSC/7 Conclusions and Decisions
- COVID-19 and review of RASG-MID's priorities and plans
- Future Work Programme and Working Arrangements
- Any other Business

Introduction

- As a follow up to the outcomes of the DGCA Teleconference/Meeting, 23 April 2020, particularly the plan to have Teleconferences with the Chairpersons of MIDANPIRG, RASG-MID and MID-RASFG to discuss their future work Programmes and working arrangements, the RASG-MID Chairs Teleconference took place on Wednesday, 6 May (08:30 UTC, 10:30 Cairo time).

- ICAO Team delivered a PPT covering the topics of the agenda. The PPT is at **Appendix A**.

RASG-MID/7 and RSC/7 Conclusions and Decisions

The meeting reviewed the progress made for the implementation of the RASG-MID/7 and RSC/7 Conclusions and Decisions. Accordingly, the meeting agreed on the following actions:

- The revised version of the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook will be developed by the Secretariat to reflect the outcomes of the RASG-MID/7 and RSC/7 meetings, in order to be circulated to the RASG-MID Members, Alternates and Focal Points for review and comments and consolidation of the final version to be endorsed by the RASG-MID/8 meeting.
- The Draft Version of the MID Regional Aviation Safety Plan (RASP), which is being developed by the Secretariat based on the current MID Region Safety Strategy, will be circulated through the RASG-MID Members and Focal Points for comments prior to the presentation to the SEIG/1 meeting in September 2020 for review and further inputs. The MID RASP will be presented to the RASG-MID/8 meeting for endorsement.
- The ICAO MID Office to develop a SMIT Handbook and circulate it to the RASG-MID Focal Points for review and comments in order to be ready for endorsement by the RASG-MID/8 meeting.
- The ASRG/2 meeting to be held beginning of July 2020 via VTC, in order to review the Draft 9th ASR.

The meeting noted the followings:

- SLOMT project is on hold until the budget is secured taking into consideration the COVID-19 crisis.
- NMAC incidents and analysis are included and considered in the MID ASR and identified as a Focus Area (High Risk Category). In addition, it's a common area of interest with MIDANPIRG, which will be coordinated through the SEIG.
- Due to COVID-19 crisis the GRF Seminar has been rescheduled tentatively in October 2020 and meanwhile ICAO is studying the possibility to conduct a Webinar as a familiarization action prior to the conduct of the Regional Seminar. In this regard, ICAO Paris Office together with Eurocontrol are organizing a Webinar on the revised SNOWTAM Format and the AIM Focal Points from the MID Region will be invited to attend the Seminar
- The ARCM technical meeting was cancelled due to COVID and the Secretariat will coordinate with ARCM FPs via emails to develop an initial Draft MENA ARCM MOU.

COVID-19 and review of RASG-MID's priorities and plans

The meeting was briefed on the progress of each Group and the impact of the COVID-19, as follows:

- **ASRG:** The meeting noted that only two States shared the safety data analysis which delayed the development of the 9th ASR. Accordingly, the meeting agreed to coordinate further with remaining States in order to get additional safety data and then start drafting the report, in order to have the Report ready for review by the ASRG/2 meeting to be held beginning of July 20 via VTC.
- **ASPIG:** The meeting was informed that the RSC/7 meeting endorsed ASPIG TORs and ASPIG Chairperson and Vice Chairperson have been elected. In addition, the meeting noted that the RSC/7 meeting endorsed the Draft Conclusions proposed by the ASPIG and covering the following AGA related matters:
 - Basic Regulatory Framework for Aerodrome Certification
 - Progress/plan for Aerodrome Certification Implementation
 - Seminar on Global Reporting Format (GRF)

- Global Reporting Format (GRF) Implementation and Deployment at Aerodromes
 - Runway Safety Team Implementation Progress/Plan
- **AIIG:** The meeting was informed that an ARCM Technical Coordination meeting to develop an initial Draft MENA ARCM MOU was planned to be organized by the ICAO MID Office in Cairo, 1-4 June 2020. Due to COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, the meeting was cancelled and ICAO MID Office will follow up with the ARCM Focal Points via email and IT tools. The meeting also noted that the AIIG TORs will be presented to the AIIG/1 meeting which will be tentatively planned to be hosted by UAE on 6-8 December 2020.
 - **SEIG:** The meeting was informed that SEIG TORs are being developed by the Secretariat and will be presented to the SEIG/1 meeting in September. A Chairperson will be elected by the meeting. In addition, the meeting noted that the MID RASP is being drafted and would be presented to the SEIG/1 meeting for further review before presentation to the RASG-MID/8 meeting for endorsement.

The meeting discussed the idea to develop a specific SEI to address safety aspects of COVID-19. However, the meeting agreed that there is no current need for such SEI since the MID Region Recovery Plan Task Force (RPTF) was established to provide necessary guidance and facilitate a harmonized restart and recovery phases of commercial passengers' flights in a sustainable, safe, secure and orderly manner as soon as practicable. In this regard, the meeting was updated on the activities of the RPTF and supported the collaboration between International/Regional Organizations and the Chairpersons of the RASG-MID, MIDANPIRG and MIDRASFG.

Future Work Programme and Working Arrangements

- The meeting noted that the MID Office Work Programme has been under regular review since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis and all the events planned for March, April, May and June 2020 have been cancelled/postponed.
- The meeting highlighted the ICAO Budget Constraints affecting the Work Programmes of RASG-MID, which necessitate the need to prioritize RASG-MID activities.
- The meeting supported alternative means to conduct business, including video teleconferencing. It was agreed that each event and topics will be treated on case-by-case basis in advance, in coordination with all concerned.

Any other Business

The meeting was updated on the recent guidance and tools related to COVID-19, including:

- ICAO MID Office COVID-19 web page at: <https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/COVID19/COVID19.aspx>
- Quick Reference Guides (QRGs) at: <https://www.icao.int/safety/COVID-19OPS/Pages/QRGs.aspx>
- New ICAO Handbook on the Management of Aviation Safety Risks related to COVID-19 (ICAO Doc 10144)
- ICAO COVID-19 Webinar Series.

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