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APPENDIX 5.2A

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MECMA

The Middle East Central Monitoring Agency (MECMA) for RVSM implementation has the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) to establish and maintain a central registry of State RVSM approvals of operators and aircraft using the Middle East Region airspace where RVSM will be applied;
- b) to facilitate the transfer of approval data to and from other RVSM regional monitoring agencies;
- to establish and maintain a data base containing the results of height-keeping performance monitoring and all altitude deviations of 300 ft or more within Middle East Region airspace, and to include in the database the results of MECMA requests to operators and States for information explaining the causes of observed large height deviations;
- d) provide timely information on changes of monitoring status of aircraft type classifications to State authorities and operators;
- e) to assume overall responsibility for:
 - i) coordination of the Global Positioning System Monitoring System (GMS); and
 - ii) assessing compliance of operators and aircraft with RVSM height-keeping performance requirements

in conjunction with RVSM introduction in the Middle East Region;

- f) to provide the means for identifying non-RVSM approved operators using Middle East airspace where RVSM is applied; and notifying the appropriate State approval authority; and
- g) to conduct readiness assessments and safety assessments as an aid for the Middle East RVSM Task Force for decision making in preparation for RVSM implementation on a specified date.