



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**MIDANPIRG/17 and RASG-MID/7 Meeting**

**(Cairo, Egypt, 15 – 18 April 2019)**

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**Agenda Item 5.1: Regional Performance Framework for Safety**

**RASG-MID FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME**

*(Presented by the Secretariat)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper highlights the needs to review the present RASG-MID Terms of Reference (TOR) in the light of the new TOR of RASGs to be endorsed by the ICAO Council in June 2019.

The paper also presents tentative dates of the RASG-MID different subsidiary bodies and the main subjects to be addressed.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 2.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The RASG-MID/1 meeting (Cairo, Egypt, 18-19 September 2011) endorsed through Decision 1/1, the RASG-MID Terms of Reference (TOR), which is included the RASG-MID Procedural Handbook.

1.2 One of the main objectives of the RASG-MID is to ensure effective coordination and cooperation between all stakeholders. Accordingly, in order to avoid duplication of efforts and overlap of events, all stakeholders (States and Safety Partners) should ensure that their activities are coordinated through the RASG-MID and included in its Work Programme.

**2. DISCUSSION**

***RASG-MID Terms of Reference (TOR)***

2.1 New Terms of Reference of PIRGs and RASGs will be presented to the ICAO Council for endorsement in June 2019 (WP/3 refers). There would be a need to review and update the RASG-MID TOR taking into consideration the new RASGs TOR and the regional specificities.

***RASG-MID Steering Committee (RSC)***

2.2 The RSC/7 meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held during the second Quarter of 2020. The venue will be the ICAO MID Office in Cairo, unless a State offer to host the meeting. The RSC would, among others, assess work that has been done under existing regional safety initiatives, coordinate the activities of the RASG-MID and safety related initiatives and activities in the MID Region within the RASG-MID Work Programme to ensure implementation of the GASP and the

regional objectives and priorities outlined in the MID Region Safety Strategy and undertake any action required to ensure that the RASG-MID achieves its objective to reduce aviation risks and minimize or avoid duplication of efforts in the MID Region.

#### ***MID Annual Safety Report Team (ASRT)***

2.3 The MID-ASRT/4 meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Cairo (25-27 November 2019). The MID-ASRT would be analysing the collected data from different available sources to identify and determine the main aviation safety risks in the in the Middle East Region and work on the development of the Eighth Edition of MID Region Safety Report. The election of the MID-ASRT Rapporteur will be included in the agenda of the MID-ASRT/4 meeting.

#### ***Regional Aviation Safety Team (MID-RAST)***

2.4 The MID-RAST is established to support the development, implementation and monitoring of Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) related to the identified Focus Areas (FAs) and Emerging Risks including the identification of the possible mitigation measures through the development of Detailed Implementation Plans (DIPs) for each SEI, in a prioritized manner. Considering the slow progress in the work activities under the RAST, there are no face-to-face meetings for the RAST.

#### ***MID Safety Support Team (MID-SST)***

2.5 The MID-SST/6 meeting including the Fourth meeting of the NCMCs in the MID Region is tentatively scheduled in the second quarter of 2020. The venue will be the ICAO MID Regional Office in Cairo, unless a State is willing to host the meeting. The MID-SST supports the development and monitoring the implementation of the following Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs): improve development and implementation of SSP/SMS in the MID Region; strengthening of States' Safety Oversight capabilities; improve Regional cooperation for the provision of Accident & Incident Investigation; improve implementation of ELP requirements in the MID Region; and sharing and analysis of safety recommendations related to accidents and serious incidents.

#### ***Runway and Ground Safety Working Group (RGS WG)***

2.6 The RGS WG/6 meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Cairo (19-21 November 2019). The RGS will review implementation status of the agreed Safety Enhancement Initiatives (SEIs) and Detailed Implementation Plans (DIPs) in the area of RGS and recommend future actions. In addition, the meeting will explore ways and means to support implementation of aerodrome certification and enhance Runway Safety.

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to

- a) note the need to review and update the RASG-MID TOR taking into consideration the new RASGs TOR and the regional specificities; take necessary actions, and direct the RSC to follow up on the subject; and
- b) agree on the future work programmes of the different RASG-MID subsidiary bodies.