



International Civil Aviation Organization

MIDANPIRG/17 and RASG-MID/7 Meeting

(Cairo, Egypt, 15 – 18 April 2019)

Agenda Item 6.4: MIDANPIRG Working Arrangements and Future Work Programme

MIDANPIRG WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

The aim of this paper is to review and amend, as deemed necessary, the MIDANPIRG working arrangements, including the Organizational Structure; and identify the necessary amendments that would be introduced to the MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook
- MIDANPIRG/16 Report
- MSG/6 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG) Procedural Handbook (MID Doc 001) is a publication prepared by the ICAO Secretariat and adopted by the MIDANPIRG. Its purpose is to provide, for easy reference of interested parties, a consolidation of material, particularly of a procedural nature, about the work of the MIDANPIRG and its contributory bodies. It contains the Terms of Reference of the MIDANPIRG and certain other provisions approved by the Council of ICAO. It also contains the working arrangements and internal instructions developed by the Group for the practical application of its Terms of Reference.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Fourth meeting of the MIDANPIRG/RASG-MID Coordination meeting (Bahrain, 25 September 2017) agreed that, in many cases, there is a need for an expeditious decision-making process (fast track, approval by passing, etc). It was further agreed that the MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID should agree on such procedure and include it in their Procedural Handbooks.

2.2 As a follow-up to the MRC/4 meeting agreement on the development of a Fast Track/ approval by passing procedure, The MSG/6 meeting discussed the proposal of a Fast Track/Approval by passing procedure that requires the inclusion of the following paragraph in the MIDANPIRG Handbook:

“In case an urgent follow-up action on an outcome from a MIDANPIRG subsidiary body is identified/needed, the ICAO MID Office may coordinate with the Chairperson(s) the approval by passing of the corresponding outcome, without waiting for the MIDANPIRG or MSG approval”.

2.3 The following is an extract from the APANPIRG Procedural Handbook:

“The Sub Groups would have the ability to agree, without further APANPIRG endorsement, any Conclusion or Decision (especially those concerning guidance to States in the implementation of ICAO SARPs) that does not have significant additional economic, environmental or political effects, which should be considered at a higher level at APANPIRG”.

2.4 The MSG/6 meeting recalled that the MSG/5 initiated discussion on the working arrangements of MIDANPIRG and in particular the interaction between MSG and ANSIG. The meeting was apprised of the global developments related to PIRGs and RASGs, which would have impact on the working arrangements of MIDANPIRG and RASG-MID.

2.5 Based on the above, the MSG/6 meeting agreed to defer the discussion on the amendment of the MIDANPIRG Handbook, Fast Track and working arrangements to the MIDANPIRG/17 meeting. However, the meeting invited States to provide the ICAO MID Office by **15 March 2019** with their views and proposals related to the MIDANPIRG working arrangements and the MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook (organizational structure, empowerment of the subsidiary bodies, approval by passing, etc.). Accordingly, the meeting agreed to the following MSG Conclusion:

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*That, States be invited to provide the ICAO MID Office, not later than **15 March 2019**, with their views and proposals related to the MIDANPIRG working arrangements and efficiency, and the MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook (organizational structure, empowerment of the subsidiary bodies, approval by passing, etc.).*

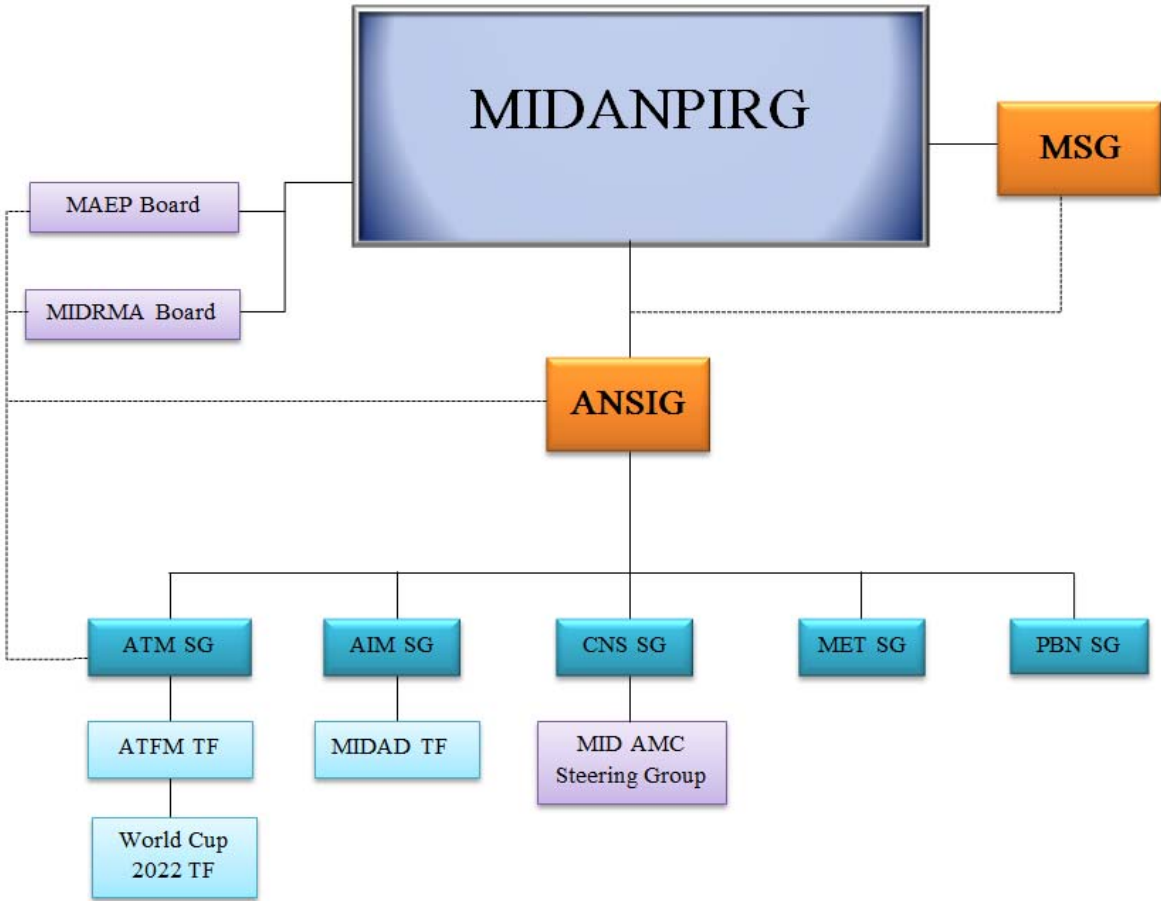
2.6 As a follow-up action to the above MSG Conclusion, the ICAO MID Office issued State Letter Ref.: ME 3 – 19/056 dated 18 February 2019 requesting States to provide their views and proposals as agreed by the MSG/6 meeting. Two (2) replies were received from Jordan and Kuwait, but without any proposal.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review and amend, as deemed necessary, the MIDANPIRG Organizational Structure at **Appendix A**;
- b) endorse the Fast Track/approval by passing procedure;
- c) review and amend, as deemed necessary, the MIDANPIRG working arrangements, including the authority to be provided to the Sub-Groups;
- d) identify the consequent amendments to the MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook; and
- e) delegate the authority to the Secretariat to consolidate a new Edition of the MIDANPIRG Procedural Handbook, for presentation/endorsement by the MSG/7 meeting.

MIDANPIRG ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



MSG	MIDANPIRG Steering Group	PBN SG	Performance Based Navigation Sub-Group
ANSIG	Air Navigation Systems Implementation Group	ATFM TF	Air Traffic Flow Management Task Force
AIM SG	Aeronautical Information Management Sub-Group	MIDAD TF	MID Region AIS Database Task-Force
ATM SG	Air Traffic Management Sub-Group	MAEP Board	MID Region ATM Enhancement Programme Board
CNS SG	Communication Navigation Surveillance Sub-Group	MIDRMA Board	Middle East Regional Monitoring Agency Board
MET SG	Meteorology Sub-Group	MID AMC Steering Group	MID Region ATS Message Management Centre Steering Group