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Agenda Item 6.4: MIDANPIRG Working Arrangements and Future Work Programme

PROPOSALS TO AMEND MIDANPIRG HANDBOOK

(Presented by the State of Qatar)

SUMMARY

This paper supports the enhancement of MIDANPIRG activities through the proposal to amend the MIDANPIRG procedural handbook.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG) Procedural Handbook 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.

1.2 The State of Qatar is a member state under the MIDANPIRG and is one of the interested parties always seeks to contribute to the activities of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), in particular the Middle East Office and its contributory bodies.

1.3 This paper supports the implementation of Mid Air Navigation Plan Through the proposal of some amendments to MIDANPIRG procedural handbook as a crucial strategic document that ensure the best performance to achieve avoid duplication of MIDANPIRG contributory bodies.

1.4 Taking into consideration, the new regional planning methodologies precipitated by the ICAO Global Plan and business planning requirements and with a view to increase the efficiency of MIDANPIRG, the MIDANPIRG Steering Group (MSG) was established to execute a pivotal function as a coordinating and steering organ with highest possible efficiency in accordance with the goals set by MIDANPIRG.

1.5 The MSG would address regional planning arrangements, including the identification of regional air navigation priorities and performance indicators and targets.

1.6 The MSG shall at all times work within a minimum of formality and paperwork. interval between meetings of the Group, the representatives shall maintain continuity in the work of the Group. Best advantage should be taken of modern communications facilities, particularly e-mails, to keep the Members and the Secretary in permanent contact with each other's.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 It is also known that the creation of the PIRGs came to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the international organization through the implementation of Global Air Navigation Plan GANP and Global Safety Plan GASP.

2.2 The Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG) was established by the Council of ICAO on 19 November 1993, through CNP/9819 during the 7th meeting of 140th session (C140/7) with the objectives and terms of reference approved then.

2.3 MIDANPIRG has proven its effectiveness since its establishment, through its organizational structure and outstanding performance. Sustainable improvement is a particularly successful tool and this has already been through permanent monitoring of the MIDANPIRG performance.

2.4 Many improvements have been introduced, both through the modification of the MIDANPIRG organizational structure and the development of sub-groups, where the procedural handbook needs to be modified and amended.

2.5 The (MSG) was established as a collaboration body and supports the MIDANPIRG, Accordingly the MSG Terms of reference is made to organize its work and achieve the objective of its establishment.

2.6 The review of the procedural handbook shows that it is possible to put forward the amendments after it has been shown that there is an expansion of the functions of the MSG so that it acts on behalf of the MIDANPIRG for the approval of certain Decisions and Conclusions, **under the current Term of Reference of the MSG bullet (F) says " approve, on behalf of MIDANPIRG, those Draft Conclusions/Decisions emanating from MIDANPIRG subsidiary bodies, which necessitate urgent follow-up action"**.

2.7 There is also confusion from the textual perspective regarding the establishment of working groups where the text came to say under the current **Establishment of Sub-Groups "5.1 To assist in its work, the Group may create Sub-Groups charged with preparatory work on specific subjects requiring expert advice for their resolution"**.

2.8 **There is a need for a methodology to identify the urgency of the matters which necessitate urgent follow-up action.**

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to review, update and agree the proposed amendments of MIDANPIRG Handbook as at **Appendix A**.

APPENDIX A

DRAFT AMMENDMENT of MIDANPIRG HANDBOOK

Assessment and Prioritization

A general guideline would be to have three levels of priority organized on the basis of safety, regularity and efficiency assessment as follows:

“U” priority = Urgent requirements having a direct impact on safety and requiring immediate corrective actions. Urgent requirement consisting of any physical, configuration, material, performance, personnel or procedures specification, the application of which is urgently required for air navigation safety

“A” priority = Top priority requirements necessary for air navigation safety. Top priority requirement consisting of any physical, configuration, material, performance, personnel or procedures specification, the application of which is considered necessary for air navigation safety.

“B” priority = Intermediate requirements necessary for air navigation regularity and efficiency. Intermediate priority requirement consisting of any physical, configuration, material, performance, personnel or procedures specification, the application of which is considered necessary for air navigation regularity and efficiency.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-GROUPS

To assist in its work, the Group MIDANPIRG may create Sub-Groups charged with preparatory work on specific subjects requiring expert advice for their resolution.

Participation in Sub-Groups should be by specialists in the subjects under consideration. Such specialists should be provided by Member States, International Organizations and/or Regional Bodies and Organizations having relevant experience in the field concerned.

5 Secretaries of Sub-Groups established by the Group will be appointed by the Secretary of the Group.

WORKING GROUPS, STEERING GROUPS, COORDINATION GROUPS TASK FORCE

The MIDANPIRG or its Sub-Groups may appoint working groups, steering groups, coordination groups Task Forces composed of specialists either from MIDANPIRG within and/or outside the Group or the its Sub-Group as the case may be to perform studies or prepare supporting documentation on defined subjects for consideration by the Group MIDANPIRG or Sub-Groups as a whole. International and Regional Organizations may also be invited to provide specialists in these Task Forces, as required.