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**Middle East Air Navigation Planning and  
Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG)**

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**Agenda Item 4: Performance Framework for Regional Air Navigation Planning and  
Implementation  
4.3 ATM/SAR**

MID REGION ATM ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (MAEP)

*(Presented by CANSO)*

**SUMMARY**

The aim of this paper is to seek the support of MIDANPIRG for the proposed structure and objectives of the MAEP.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The Middle East remains one of the fastest growing regions in terms of air transport. Investment in developing new and expanding existing airports to meet the demands of the regions fast growing airlines has resulted in airspace capacity challenges that must be addressed at a regional level.

1.2 DGCA/2 tasked ICAO MID with establishing a MAEP. This will be discussed at MIDANPIRG/14 and further developed in the MAEP-SCM planned for February 2014. ICAO MID has requested that States or other interested stakeholders to contribute ideas for developing and implementing the MAEP.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 This WP proposes a structure and objectives for the MAEP. It represents the view of many of the key stakeholders and, if accepted by this meeting, should be further developed at the MAEP-SCM.

2.2 It is proposed that the MAEP shall comprise the following:

- **MAEP Board:** The MAEP Board shall provide oversight, strategic advice and direction to the MAEP programme. It shall report to the MIDANPIRG. Members shall comprise representatives from States. It is proposed that IATA, CANSO and ACI are also offered the opportunity to sit as observers on the Board. The Chair shall be agreed by the participating States.

- **MAEP Implementation Team:** The MAEP Implementation Team shall comprise representatives from Middle East ANSPs, airspace users and other stakeholders. It shall also comprise representatives from CANSO, IATA, ACI and other relevant stakeholder organisations as appropriate.  
The MAEP Implementation Team shall be responsible for developing initiatives at a regional level that exploit and leverage additional benefit from projects or initiatives proposed by regional stakeholders (e.g. States, ANSPs, airspace users etc.) or that require or would benefit from regional collaboration (e.g. coordination of ASBU roll-out). It shall manage the interdependencies, risks and issues within the programme and between related initiatives and projects. It will liaise with the specific Groups under MIDANPIRG to ensure alignment on a strategic level and take advantage of the work done and plans developed in the different groups and by other organisations. It shall also act as a focal point for industry engagement at a regional level.
- **MAEP Programme Management Office:** If agreed by the MAEP Implementation Team and supported by the MAEP Board, the MAEP shall be supported by a Programme Management Office (PMO). It is envisaged that the PMO would be hosted by a MAEP stakeholder and that it would be staffed by secondees from participating stakeholders and by fulltime experts from industry as appropriate.

2.3 It is proposed that MAEP Board and Implementation Team members will bear their own costs related to their activities in MAEP. It is envisaged that if any funding is required (e.g. for the PMO), it shall be agreed and shared by the participating members of the MAEP Implementation Team. This should be further discussed at the MAEP-SCM.

2.4 It is further proposed that detailed objectives, terms of reference and work plan are developed and agreed at the MAEP-SCM scheduled for February 2014.

### 3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the contents of this WP and endorse the proposed structure and objectives of the MAEP; and
- b) agree that the MAEP-SCM shall be responsible for developing and proposing detailed objectives, terms of reference and work plan.