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**MIDANPIRG Air Traffic Management Sub-Group**

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**Agenda Item 7: Any other Business**

**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' ASSOCIATION  
(IFATCA) 64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ABU DHABI**

*(Presented by United Arab Emirates)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper outlines the UAE's plan to host the 2025 International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Association (IFATCA) Conference in Abu Dhabi. The UAE is committed to supporting events that enhance safety, efficiency and regularity in international air navigation in alignment with MIDANPIRG CONCLUSION 21/32. IFATCA 2025 will promote high standards of knowledge and professional efficiency among Air Traffic Controllers and key aviation stakeholders. The conference will foster regional collaboration, knowledge sharing, and career enrichment, while creating opportunities for affiliations with international organizations.

Action by the meeting is outlined in paragraph 3.

**REFERENCES**

- IFATCA 63 Annual Conference report – Singapore
- IFATCA 62 Annual Conference report – Montego Bay, Jamaica

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The UAE is actively involved in promoting the aviation industry and supporting its growth. It works closely with aviation professional entities and industry stakeholders to ensure that the industry has the necessary resources and support to thrive.

1.2 The Emirates Aviation Association (EAA), a member of the International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations (IFATCA), comprises aviation professionals, students, and enthusiasts from various sectors of the UAE's aviation industry.

1.3 IFATCA is a global federation representing over 50,000 air traffic controllers across many countries. The organization is dedicated to promoting safety, efficiency, and regularity in international air navigation

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The IFATCA 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will take place at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center (ADNEC), UAE, from April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. Hosted by Emirates aviation association (EAA) and integrated Transport Centre (ITC). This marks the first time the conference will be held in the Middle East, highlighting the region's growing importance in the global aviation sector. This paper outlines information about the event and its potential benefits to the Middle East.

- 2.2 IFATCA achieves its goals through various activities, including:
- a) Annual Conferences: These gatherings serve as a platform for knowledge sharing, networking, and collaboration among air traffic controllers, industry professionals, and aviation authorities.
  - b) Regional Meetings: These meetings address specific regional challenges and foster cooperation among neighbouring countries.
  - c) Workshops: IFATCA conducts workshops on various topics related to air traffic control, safety, and technology.
  - d) Publications and Safety Alerts: The organization disseminates information and raises awareness about critical safety issues.

### 2.3 Significance of the Abu Dhabi IFATCA 64 Conference

Hosting the IFATCA conference in Abu Dhabi is a significant development for the region aviation sector. It presents a unique opportunity to:

- a) Demonstrate its advancements in air traffic management, technology, and safety protocols.
- b) Foster collaboration between region aviation experts and their international counterparts, leading to improved harmonization of air traffic control procedures.
- c) Attract investment in the region's aviation infrastructure and technology.
- d) Elevated Safety Standards through Knowledge sharing and collaboration.
- e) Promote the adoption of best practices and new technologies, leading to increased efficiency in air traffic management.
- f) Provide valuable training and development opportunities for air traffic controllers in the region.
- g) Stimulate economic growth through tourism promotion, attracting investment, and creating aviation-related job opportunities.

2.4 By welcoming the international air traffic control community to the UAE, we aim to achieve the following key objectives:

- a) Provide a dynamic platform for air traffic control professionals from across the globe to connect with their colleagues in the Middle East, facilitating valuable networking opportunities and the exchange of knowledge and expertise.
- b) Promote the critical importance of the air traffic control profession within the region and showcase the role of IFATCA in driving safety, efficiency, and technological advancement in aviation.
- c) Support the growth of IFATCA by actively encouraging and assisting new air traffic control associations in the Middle East to join the federation.
- d) Enhance existing relationships and forge new collaborations between IFATCA, aviation stakeholders in the UAE, and regional partners to ensure ongoing cooperation and alignment on key industry issues.
- e) Facilitate the exchange of knowledge and best practices in air traffic control operations among IFATCA members, promoting continuous improvement and the adoption of leading-edge technologies and procedures.

2.5 More information about registration to attend IFATCA 64, will be available in [www.IFATCA.org](http://www.IFATCA.org)

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information presented in this paper; and
- b) encourage participation of ATCO and ATC professionals in the IFATCA 64 Conference in Abu Dhabi during the period April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

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