

International Civil Aviation Organization

MIDANPIRG Air Traffic Management Sub-Group

Tenth Meeting (ATM SG/10) (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 20 – 23 October 2024)

Agenda Item 3: Planning and Implementation issues related to ATM/SAR

FOSTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CMC/FUA WITHIN THE MID REGION

(Presented by Sultanate of Oman)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the progress of Oman's initiatives in implementing CMC/FUA in Muscat FIR.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- ICAO DOC 10088 (Manual on Civil-Military Cooperation in Air Traffic Management)
- MIDANPIRG/21 & RASG-MID/11 Meeting

1. Introduction

- 1.1 There is a need for States to establish a framework for ensuring adequate collaboration, cooperation and coordination between civil and military aviation stakeholders, aiming to support States to fulfil their national requirements and meet their obligations as parties to the Chicago Convention. The focus of ICAO Doc 10088 is to provide guidance to States wishing to implement or improve civil-military cooperation for air traffic management, for the safe and optimal use of the airspace by both parties.
- 1.2 The MIDANPIRG/21 meeting encouraged States to develop their national procedures concerning civil and military cooperation and Flexible Use of Airspace based on guidelines published in ICAO Doc 10088, and appreciated the work of the CMC/FUA Action Group and noted that the ICAO Guidance material in Doc 10088 is fully meeting the needs and requirements of the MID States to develop the national CMC/FUA Plans and finally agreed on the following Decision:

MIDANPIRG DECISION 21/21: DISSOLUTION OF THE CMC/FUA ACTION GROUP

That, the CMC/FUA Action Group is dissolved.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Oman is optimizing its airspace through ongoing airspace optimization project aiming at enhancing the airspace over the high seas at the interface with the APAC Region and putting its utmost efforts to enhance airspace navigation via improved route network structure to accommodate regional and international flows considering the implementation of CMC/FUA concept within Muscat FIR.

- 2.2 The project will address the main airspace constraints of the SUA (P, D, R) in major part of its middle and south FIR so far, preventing it from introducing the adequate route structures as uni-directional parallel airways between Oman and neighbouring States to improve traffic flows between EUR, MID and APAC Regions.
- 2.3 Oman is currently setting the process to implement CMC/FUA in Muscat FIR. Details of the implementation plan are currently being studied and analyzed under CAA with the expectation to accomplished by 2nd quarter of 2025.
- 2.4 To ensure effective collaboration, cooperation and coordination between Civil and Military Aviation Authorities, the Oman CAA willing to establish the mechanism as guided by Doc 10088 to achieve the following milestones, in particular:
 - i. the establishment of Committee for Airspace Organization and Management (CAOM);
 - ii. Establishment of Airspace Management Cell (AMC); and
 - iii. the implementation of flexible use of airspace (FUA);

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
 - a) note the information contained in this paper;
 - b) ICAO to support organizing the CMC/FUA Workshop/Seminar in 2024/2025; and
 - c) MID States to share their experience and knowledge regarding successful implementation of CMA, FUA & FRA.