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MID Region Flight Procedure Programme Steering Committee

Sixth Meeting (MID FPP SC/6)
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Agenda Item 3: Future of the MID FPP and Programme Sustainability

MID FPP PROGRAMME SUSTAINABILITY

(Presented by the Secretariat)

<p style="text-align: center;">SUMMARY</p> <p>This paper provides a proposal for a sustainable future of the MID FPP.</p> <p>Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">REFERENCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- MID FPP SC/5 Report- MIDANPIRG/21 Report- (DGCA-MID/7 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The MID FPP financial sustainability was supposed to be assured through following sources: (1) Annual contributions paid by the Active States, (2) Cash and/or in-kind contributions provided by Donors and, (3) Services (training and project consultancy) fees paid by the beneficiaries.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Twenty-First Meeting of the Middle East Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (MIDANPIRG/21) held in Abu Dhabi, UAE from 4 - 8 March 2024, was apprised of the outcome of the MID FPP SC/5 meeting held in Doha, Qatar, 14 December 2023 and provided with an update on the achievements and challenges of the MID FPP. MIDANPIRG/21 acknowledged the effectiveness and benefits of the MID FPP, affirming its viability as a valuable solution to assist States in the domains of PANS-OPS and PBN.

2.2 The meeting may also wish to note that the MIDANPIRG/21 meeting discussed recommended options with regard to the future of the MID FPP and the ways to ensure a stable financial platform as follows:

- Foster the commitment to financially support and join the MID FPP by a maximum number of Active States (Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)/national Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP).
- Encourage Donors from Industry and/or commercial organizations to contribute annually up to the level of an Active State, minimum.
- Encourage voluntary contributions/sponsorship by Donor States. - States to consider offering experts in secondment to support the Programme.
- Consider the review/amendment of the MID FPP Funding Mechanism i.e., increasing the

annual contribution by Active States.

- Consider a payment method to avoid delays in services payment e.g., issuance of proforma and payment 50% of the fees before the start of the activity and the remaining 50% after the delivery of the service.
- Fees should be sought from States benefiting as "user States".

2.3 Furthermore, the MIDANPIRG/21, through Conclusion 21/9, directed the ICAO MID Office to conduct a survey on the subject, analyze the replies/feedback received and recommend options for consideration by the DGCA MID/7 meeting, where a final decision on the future of the Programme should be made.

2.4 As recommended by the MIDANPIRG/21, the ICAO MID Office conducted a survey on the MID FPP Sustainability. The survey was dispatched on 27 March 2024 via State letter (Ref: AN 6/33 – 24/047), seeking States' insights and opinions on the future of the Programme. The main outcomes of this survey are summarized in the **Table** below:

	Interest to keep the MID FPP running	MID FPP Membership	Support the removal of "User State" from the MID FPP membership	Change of MIDFPP current business model	Plan to support the implementation of the new business mode	Review/Amendment of the MID FPP Funding Mechanism	Support to required minimum annual contribution fees from States benefiting as 'User State'
Bahrain	Yes	Plan "User"	No	No	-	No	No
Jordan	Yes	Current "User"	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Kuwait	Yes	Current "Active"	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Libya	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oman	Yes	Current "User"	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Qatar	No	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia	No answer since we are not member of the MID FPP SC	-	-	-	-	-	-
UAE	Yes	Current "Host"	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yemen	Yes	Current "User"	No	No	No	No	No

2.5 From the 15 MID Members, 9 States have replied to either some or to all questions. Saudi Arabia indicated that for the moment they could not provide any specific reply since they are not a member of the MID FPP Steering Committee. No reply was received from 6 States.

2.6 The replies indicate that 7 MID States are for the continuation of the MID FPP and they are also planning or currently a User State or Active State of MID FPP. 2 States have indicated explicitly that they are not in favour of continuing the programme. The number of “Active States” is still the same (Iran, Iraq and Kuwait; and UAE as the Host State).

2.7 4 States believe that the continuation of the MID FPP needs the change of its current business model, however only 2 States plan to support the implementation of the new business model.

2.8 The meeting may also wish to note that the Seventh Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation-Middle East Region (DGCAMID/7) held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 19 and 20 May 2024, agreed that it is impossible to continue the project with the same Business Model (recruitment of a MID FPP Manager through the ICAO CDI Bureau and cost-recovery mechanism (non-profit)). The DGCAMID/7 also agreed that the ICAO MID Office and the MID FPP SC should further explore possible options for the continuation of the programme with a different business model, which will be focusing only on capacity-building activities and will not put a financial burden on the member States. The outcomes of the MID FPP SC/6 meeting will be then presented to MIDANPIRG/22 for final decision; and the DGCAMID/8 meeting will be provided with a briefing on the subject.

2.9 Based on all the foregoing, the meeting agreed to the following Conclusion:

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That:

- a) the ICAO MID Office and the MID FPP SC further explore possible options for the continuation of the MID FPP with a different business model, focusing only on capacity-building activities;*
- b) the MID FPP Funding Mechanism be revised;*
- c) the MIDANPIRG/22 take the final decision with regard to the future of the MID FPP; and*
- d) a briefing report on the MID FPP be presented to the DGCA-MID/8 meeting.*

2.10 In coordination between the ICAO MID and the MID FPP SC Chairman, it is proposed that the ICAO MID Office circulate a formal letter to all member States, seeking for a volunteer State to host the MID FPP and provide the necessary support for the management of the programme (provision of a MID FPP Manager and necessary facilities and tools) and a new MID FPP ProDoc and Hosting Agreement should be developed. If no State volunteers to host the MID FPP and provide necessary support, the final recourse would be to close the programme.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) take a decision with regard to the future of the MID FPP as proposed in para 2.10.