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ENHANCING AIR CARGO SECURITY TRAINING

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To cater to air cargo and security personnel who require more than a basic understanding of ICAO's air cargo security Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), it is proposed that a new ICAO workshop be developed to provide opportunities for them to learn from best practices in air cargo security that are being implemented by regulators and industry from across the world.

Action: The Assembly is invited to recommend that ICAO develop the proposed ICAO Air Cargo Security Best Practices Workshop in accordance with paragraph 2 of this paper and to conduct the Workshop at the ICAO Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTCs).

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objective C – <i>Security and Facilitation</i>
<i>Financial implications:</i>	No additional financial implications.
<i>References:</i>	A39-WP/14, <i>ICAO Comprehensive Aviation Security Strategy (ICASS)</i> A39-WP/15, <i>Establishment of a Global Aviation Security Plan</i> A39-WP/16, <i>Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to aviation security</i> Assembly Resolution A38-15, <i>Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to aviation security</i> AVSECP/27 Restricted (Yellow Cover) Report (<i>English only</i>)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At the 8th Meeting of the ICAO Aviation Security Panel's Working Group on Air Cargo Security (WGACS) in September 2015, and the 27th ICAO Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP/27) meeting in March 2016, the importance of developing more ICAO air cargo security training courses was discussed. This is in view of the fact that air cargo can potentially be exploited to carry out acts of unlawful interference against aircraft. Aside from developing improved measures to secure air cargo consignments, the human factor is equally important. Enhancing air cargo security training is thus strongly encouraged to enable all personnel handling air cargo to help safeguard the security of such cargo effectively.

1.2 Currently, for air cargo and mail security, ICAO has a basic training package – the Aviation Security Training Package (ASTP) Air Cargo and Mail Security Course. This is a five-day course designed to provide personnel responsible for the development, implementation, and oversight of air cargo security measures, with a basic understanding of the cargo-related Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) in Annex 17 – *Security*, their relationship to aviation security programmes, the importance of maintaining a secure supply chain, and the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder involved in the process of securing cargo against acts of unlawful interference.

1.3 The objectives of the existing ICAO ASTP Air Cargo and Mail Security Course are to enable the trainee to:

- a) appreciate the origin and purpose of security measures and procedures necessary for the protection of cargo, courier/express parcels, mail, and operators' supplies;
- b) understand the nature of the threat posed to aircraft by explosives and other dangerous substances;
- c) understand the concept of a secure supply chain;
- d) apply appropriate security controls to cargo consignments;
- e) inspect, screen, or search consignments in accordance with prescribed security principles;
- f) ensure that all cargo facilities, vehicles, containers, and equipment are subject to security controls; and
- g) apply proper response action to an airline security emergency related to suspect cargo.

1.4 Other than this, there are no other ICAO courses or workshops that cater to air cargo and security personnel who require more than a basic understanding of the air cargo security SARPs, or that provide a platform for discussions and learning from industry on the numerous and varied air cargo security best practices in place today.

1.5 To enhance air cargo security training for all stakeholders globally, it is proposed that a new ICAO Air Cargo Security Best Practices Workshop be developed to provide opportunities for air cargo and security personnel to learn from best practices in air cargo security that are being implemented by regulators and industry from across the world.

2. **SUGGESTED OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED ICAO AIR CARGO SECURITY BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOP**

2.1 The suggested outline for the proposed workshop is as follows:

- a) brief overview on the security threats and risks concerning air cargo movements;
- b) overview of the 10 Standards and 1 Recommended Practice on air cargo security in Annex 17;
- c) discussion of the secure supply chain concept and aviation security measures/controls;
- d) best practices – Regulated Agent and Known Consignor perspective;
- e) best practices – Ground Handling Agent perspective;
- f) best practices – Air Carrier perspective;
- g) best practices – Other measures and approaches taken by regulators and industry;
- h) collaboration with Customs, Police, Quarantine, and other State security/enforcement authorities; and
- i) discussion on new and emerging challenges faced in securing air cargo consignments.

2.2 The workshop should be designed specially for personnel who are actively involved in air cargo and air cargo security work. This would include personnel who have responsibilities for air cargo and air cargo security at the policy level, operations level, and/or responsibilities for air cargo security inspections and audits. It would ensure maximum contribution by, benefit to, and understanding for all participants.

2.3 The proposed ICAO Air Cargo Security Best Practices Workshop could be conducted over three days at ICAO ASTCs. Aside from classroom lectures and discussion, part of the programme could include a technical visit to an air cargo security facility to give participants a better appreciation of some air cargo security practices and challenges faced in the course of operations. This would also enable workshop participants to engage and discuss with industry on the best practices adopted by them in their various operating environments across business models, and appreciate the multiple ways in which the Annex 17 SARPs can be implemented, in addition to the suggestions set out in ICAO guidance material.