



**Closing Remarks by the
Secretary General of the
International Civil Aviation Organization
Dr. Fang Liu
to the Regional Conference on Aviation Security
in the Asia and Pacific Region**

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Senior Government Representatives,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

1. It has been a pleasure to be with you here for this Asia and Pacific Regional Conference on Aviation Security, and to experience the high-level engagement of your participants.
2. I wish to once again offer ICAO's thanks to the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand for its very warm welcome and the excellent organization and facilities which have been provided.
3. ICAO appreciates the time and thoughtful viewpoints you have shared with us this week, and that together your inputs have represented the perspectives of 23 States, six international organizations, and various industry partners.
4. Our goal here was to raise awareness on the scope and principles of ICAO's new Global Aviation Security Plan, as well as to permit your exchange of information and insights regarding its aims, objectives, targets, and timelines.
5. We certainly have not been disappointed in this regard, and have heard many views and examples during the last two days on the challenges, opportunities and achievements which accompany our aviation security efforts.
6. Some critical regional perspectives have been established, and we've taken away some important lessons learned regarding some existing aviation security initiatives.
7. As we prepare now for our journeys back to our States and to our families for the coming holiday season, I wish to draw attention to some of the main results we have achieved, and to call on you all to keep these priorities front and center for 2018 and onward.
8. In the first place, it is of utmost importance that States and stakeholders in the Asia Pacific Region continue to improve upon your regional security outcomes through continued assistance and capacity building activities.

9. ICAO's Regional Office here in Bangkok, and also the Asia Pacific Cooperative Aviation Security Programme (CASP-AP) will be your key resources in this regard.
10. Secondly we encourage you to continue sharing expertise and best practices, including on capacity development activities and opportunities, and lastly we call on you to recognize that government-industry collaboration will play a very important role in ensuring that States and regions meet their GAsEP commitments.
11. Much too was mentioned here concerning ICAO Assembly Resolution A39-18, and UN Security Council Resolution 2309 in the area of aviation security.
12. Both of these touch on the important role of ICAO in the implementation of the Global Aviation Security Plan, and reaffirm its core objective to align all aviation security enhancement efforts through a set of internationally agreed priority actions, tasks and targets.
13. One very important development emerging from this conference is the adoption of the GAsEP Regional Roadmap for the Asia Pacific. In light of the fact that aviation security threats and methods continue to evolve, it is critical that States here work together and demonstrate harmonized progress.
14. It is also vital that the ideas discussed over the last two days be appreciated as a foundation supporting your future work on the GAsEP's near-term implementation.
15. The very first step in that regard will be to socialize the Plan and its Regional Roadmap well beyond the confines of this meeting hall with governments, industry and other stakeholders.
16. The second part of this work will be in ICAO's court, especially as regards the continuation of these regional conferences throughout 2018, and leading up to next year's Global Aviation Security Symposium.
17. As ICAO Secretary General, I am committed to doing all I can to work with our AVSEC and Regional Office teams to support these efforts, and to raising awareness with relevant stakeholders so that they build on the synergies achieved to-date and translate their GAsEP commitments into concrete actions.
18. I will also be continuing to welcome any comments on how we might improve the GAsEP document, and especially as regards its links to related Facilitation goals – consistent with what our African and Middle East colleagues are reflecting in their own regional plans.
19. Finally, I wish to offer my sincere thanks to everyone involved in making this conference such a success, including both our government and industry partners for their excellent presentations.
20. I would also like to reiterate ICAO's gratitude for the Government of Thailand's hosting of this regional conference, and our appreciation for the support of ICAO's HQ and Bangkok Office staff.
21. Thank you again, and may I wish you all safe travels home, much-deserved holidays, and a very prosperous New Year.