



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

FIFTH AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN (AFI) AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

(Wednesday, 25 May 2017, Gaborone, Botswana)

Agenda Item 3: 39th ICAO Assembly resolutions related to Aviation Security and Facilitation

(Presented by AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This information paper provides the meeting with the 39th ICAO Assembly resolutions related to Aviation Security and Facilitation, under ICAO Strategic Objective C.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ICAO 39th Assembly was attended by over 2,000 delegates from 185 Members States, and observer delegations from International, regional and other organizations. The 39th Assembly achieved the following in areas of ICAO strategic objective of Aviation Security and Facilitation:

2. SECURITY AND FACILITATION RESOLUTIONS

2.1 Thirty eight (38) resolutions were generated by the 39th Assembly, six (6) of which focus on aviation security and facilitation. These include:

- a) A39-10: Promotion of the Beijing Convention and the Beijing Protocol of 2010
- b) A39-18: Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to aviation security
- c) A39-19: Addressing Cybersecurity in Civil Aviation
- d) A39-20: Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to facilitation
- e) A39-23: No Country Left Behind (NCLB) Initiative
- f) A39-38: Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa

2.2 The AFI SECFAL Plan work programme will be amended to reflect activities towards the implementation of the provisions of the A39 resolutions and in particular A38-38 that specifically stipulates provisions related to the Plan.

2.3 To facilitate the process of effective identification and analysis of deficiencies in AFI Region, it is important to have an increased level of disclosure with respect to ICAO aviation security audit results, balancing the need for States to be aware of unresolved security concerns while maintaining confidentiality of the sensitive security information.

2.4 Provisions of Resolution (5) of 39-18 Appendix E stipulate the *Endorsement of the policy of a limited level of disclosure of security audit results for the USAP-CMA, particularly relating to the prompt notification of the existence of significant security concerns.*

3. OTHER RELATED RESOLUTIONS

3.1 The other resolutions that had a direct impact on the AFI SECFAL Plan includes:

- a) A39-26: Resource Mobilization
- b) A39-37 Budgets for 2017, 2018 and 2019
- c) A39-29 Next Generation of Aviation Professionals
- d) A39-30: ICAO Gender Equality Programme promoting the participation of women in the global aviation sector.

3.2 The Assembly approved the 2017-2019 budget estimates with provision of recruitment of two professional staff to support the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan.

4. GLOBAL AVIATION SECURITY PLAN

4.1. The Assembly endorsed the development of the ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan, under provisions (9), (10) and (11) of A39-18 Appendix A where the Assembly:

- a) *Directs* the Council to consider the lessons learned from ICASS in establishing the GAsEP based on clear and collective aviation security goals and targets, and supported by concrete and measurable indicators to guide ICAO, States and stakeholders in ensuring continuous improvement in aviation security;
- b) *Directs* the Council to task the Aviation Security Panel to expeditiously develop the GAsEP and present the Plan to the Council for approval and consultation with Member States and key stakeholders by the second half of 2017;
- c) *Urges* all Member States to take active participation in global and regional consultations in order for the GAsEP to be truly global and also reflect aspirations, needs and priorities at the national and regional levels.

It is expected that the Appendix A of A39-18 will provide guidance to all entities involved in Aviation Security enhancement, with focus on formulation of internationally agreed goals and targets.

4.2. Endorsement of ICAO's Aviation Security and Facilitation priorities for 2016-2019

The key priorities and activities endorsed by A39 for implementation of the Strategic objective of the areas of Aviation security and facilitation include the following:

- a) New and evolving threats, including cybersecurity, landside security and insider threats, Technical assistance and strengthened regional coordination.
- b) Adoption of the first-ever cybersecurity resolution, which stresses the importance of information sharing and coordination across civil aviation safety and security fields of expertise to address this important area of risk.
- c) Prioritization of the FAL Programme and related activities for 2017-2019 triennium.
- d) The ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy, including travel documents, the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD), and the provision of related assistance and training to States.
- e) Continued support for the Universal Security Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Approach, including by seconding short- and long-term experts and by participating in training courses and regional seminars and limited level of disclosure of security audit results for the USAP-CMA
- f) Support for the establishment of a Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation (SECFAL) in the Middle East Region and continued support for the existing plan, AFI SECFAL, in Africa.
- g) Approval of budgetary provisions for recruitment of two professional staff for the ICAO ESAF and WACAF offices to support the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan effective 2017.

5. ACTION BY THE MEETING

The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the information presented in this paper.
- b) Provide guidance on the implementation of the key main conclusions on aviation security and facilitation as endorsed by the A39.
- c) Direct the secretariat to report on the recruitment of the professional staff to support the AFI SECFAL Plan
- d) Urge the ICAO Council to expedite the implementation of the endorsement of the A39 regarding the policy of a limited level of disclosure of security audit results for the USAP-CMA.