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FIFTH AFI SECFAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

(Thursday, 25 May 2017, Gaborone, Botswana)

**Agenda Item 2: ADDRESSING CHALLENGES OF ICAO AVIATION
SECURITY AND FACILITATION TRAINING
– ISD SECURITY SECTION**

(Presented by AFI SECFAL Plan Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper presents information on the aviation security training activities and programme in Africa conducted by the Implementation Security Development-Security (ISD-SEC) section of ICAO. The ISD-SEC Section coordinates its activities with ICAO's Global Aviation Training (GAT) Office.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The UN Security Council unanimously adopted UN Security Council Resolution 2309 (2016) – Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts: Aviation security. The Resolution affirms States' responsibility to ensure the safety of air services operating within their territory and States' interest to protect the safety of their citizens and nationals against terrorist attacks conducted against civil aviation, wherever these may occur, in accordance with international law, including international human rights law and international humanitarian law. It also affirms the role of ICAO as the United Nations organization responsible for developing international security standards, monitoring State implementation of these standards, and ICAO's role in assisting States in complying with these standards, noting ICAO's No Country Left Behind initiative and intention to develop a Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) as the future framework for progressive aviation security enhancement.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Through the promulgation of an annual AVSEC training schedule, ISD-SEC provides all Member States the opportunity to receive training in order to develop and/or enhance their capacity to implement a sustainable national aviation system. Such training is primarily provided throughout the Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC) Network. The ASTC Network has 32 members with the recent addition of training centres in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and Tunis, Tunisia. Training workshops and courses are provided through the ASTCs, and the subjects are determined through an assessment of regional needs and in collaboration with the ICAO Regional Offices, and their knowledge of the aviation security environments of their region.

2.2 In 2016, there were a total of 41 ICAO-sponsored courses and workshops conducted through the ASTC Network, with 10 events conducted at ASTCs in African Continent as indicated below:

- Kenya (Nairobi ASTC): 2 events, 40 participants
- South Africa (Johannesburg ASTC): 3 events, 50 participants
- Senegal (Dakar ASTC): 3 events, 55 participants
- Morocco (Casablanca ASTC): 2 events, 17 participants

2.3 Through these training events, 162 aviation security specialists have benefitted, with 31 Member States from the African Continent.

2.4 ISD-SEC is reviewing its training and assistance programmes to ensure that they are effective in addressing noted security deficiencies and remain current with the latest versions of Annex 17 – Security (Amendment 15) and ICAO Security guidance material (Doc 8973- Restricted). In the past year, ISD-SEC, in collaboration with the GAT, reviewed all of its Aviation Security Training Packages (ASTPs) and is incorporating suggested updates. For example, the Supervisor’s Course was validated this past year, and the process to certify ICAO aviation security instructors has been fully implemented in English, with other translations becoming available later this year.

2.5 In addition, the ICAO Air Cargo and Mail Security Course is undergoing final review following updates provided by the Working Groups on Training and Air Cargo Security to reflect the current cargo security environment.

2.6 ICAO has also partnered with Airports Council International (ACI) to develop a Management of Airport Security course. A review is underway to update ICAO aviation security workshops in 2017.

2.7 To address the needs of Aviation Security Management Personnel, ICAO has partnered with Concordia University in delivering the Aviation Security Professional Managers Course (PMC). The goal of the PMC is to provide aviation security professionals from around the world with best practices in operating and implementing security systems, resulting in an educated cadre of specialists improving airport and security operations from the ground up.

3. ACTION BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE

3.1 The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in this paper;
- b) Support the aviation security training activities and programme in Africa conducted by ISD-SEC in coordination with the GAT; and
- c) Provide guidance as may be necessary, on the continuing implementation of aviation security capacity building activities in Africa.

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