



3rd MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION GROUP (RASFALG-AFI)

(Nairobi ,Kenya ,27 – 28 October 2016)

SESSION TWO: Report on Working Papers presented to the 39th ICAO Assembly by AFCAC

Presented by AFCAC

SUMMARY

This Paper presents the outcomes of AFCAC Aviation Security WPs presented at the 39th ICAO Assembly Session during 27 September to 7 October 2016.

Actioned required: -

The meeting is requested to

1. Note the Outcomes of the 39th ICAO Assembly Session;
2. Request AFCAC to continue its collaborative works with ICAO, member States and Partners in the AFI-SECFAL Plan implementation and reinforcement of the RASGALG-AFI to effectively assist member States;
- 3.3 AFCAC in collaboration with the AUC and ICAO expedite the endorsement of the Windhoek Ministerial Declaration and Targets by the AU and in their implementations thereto.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The AFCAC Aviation Security (AVSEC) Working Group meeting preparatory to the 39th ICAO Assembly Session reviewed the AVSEC Working Papers developed by the AFCAC on behalf of African States.

1.2. Three Working Papers are as follows:

1.2.1 Development and updating of Standards and Guidance Material on new and emerging threats (WP 145)

1.2.2 Level of Disclosure of Universal Security Audit Programme – Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA) (WP 151)

1.2.3 Capacity enhancement for Regional Experts on Aviation Security (WP 164)

2. THE WORKING PAPERS

2.1 WP/145 stressed the importance of keeping up with new and emerging threats and the need to proactively develop measures and guidance material aimed at mitigating the risks associated with such threats. In particular, the paper highlighted the increase of landside attacks and the threats posed by persons other than passengers, such as airport staff. The Executive Committee of the Assembly noted with satisfaction that the proposed new and revised Annex 17 — Security Standards aimed at risk assessment and effective coordination and mobilization of resources among relevant entities to address landside issues rather than prescribing particular approaches or responses.



The Executive Committee while recognizing the challenges arising from New and Emerging threats , cautioned against the displacement or creation of vulnerabilities when implementing landside security measures, and agreed that those measures and guidelines should be supported by risk assessments carried out by relevant authorities.

2.2T WP/151, reiterated the need to maintain levels of disclosure of USAP audit results in line with Recommended Practice 2.4.5 of Annex 17 – Security also urged ICAO to continue to provide assistance to States with low levels of compliance with Annex 17 Standards and the security-related provisions of Annex 9 – Facilitation.

the Executive Committee expressed differing points of view regarding how best to achieve the right balance between making information available to all States with a need to know, and protecting the confidentiality of audit results. This confidentiality is important to prevent the disclosure of potentially sensitive information, while respecting sovereignty of States. It was agreed that the statuesque should retained and SSG on the USAP-CMA to continue discussions on this matter.

2.3in WP/164, presented progress made in the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan, requested ICAO to continue providing its leadership and support to the AFI SECFAL Plan and to collaborate with AFCAC to enhance capacity of African Experts designated to Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFALG-AFI).

The Executive Committee commended the progress made in the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan; noted the efforts made to raise political commitment through Ministerial Declaration and relevance of the set of targets established for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa. The creation of a pool of experts through establishment of RASFALG received support, and the Draft Assembly Resolution urged Member States to commit to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the AFI SECFAL Plan. It further acknowledged the need for the international community to support the Plan and work with ICAO and AFCAC for its implementation.

3. RECOMMENDATION

The meeting is invited to consider Action required as presented in the summary of this Working Paper.: