



International Civil Aviation Organization

**The Implementation of English Language Proficiency Workshop
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. INTRODUCTION

The ICAO Implementation of English Language Proficiency Workshop was hosted by the UAE and was held at the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) Office in Dubai from 28 to 31 January 2008. The Seminar was facilitated by Mr. Mitchell Fox, acting Chief of the ICAO Flight Safety Section in Montreal, assisted by Mr. S. Machobane and Mr. N. Antypas from the MID Regional Office.

The Deputy Director of the Middle East Regional Mr. J. Faqir and the Chief of Licensing & Aeromedical Section of the UAE, GCAA Mr. W. Ghanim Al Ghaith opened and closed the seminar.

2. ATTENDANCE

Sixty three (63) Participants from six (6) States (Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen) and three (3) Observers attended the workshop (**See Attachment A**).

3. AGENDA

The agenda was completed as planned and the following topics addressed:

- Addressing non-compliance by 5 March 2008
 - Regulatory framework
 - Impact on safety and mutual recognition
 - Assembly Resolution 30/1
- Implementation plans (1)
 - Adopting national regulations
 - Filing a difference with ICAO
 - Nominating a focal point
 - Assessing existing language proficiency levels
 - Developing a language training and assessment plan
 - Establishing License Endorsement Procedures
- Implementation plans (2)
 - Establishing interim measures
 - Guidance on identifying hazards and risks for pilots
 - Guidance on identifying hazards and risks for controllers
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 - Guidance on identifying hazards and risks for controllers
- Group work - Developing interim measures for pilots
- Group work - Developing interim measures for controllers
- Presentations from States
- Guidance on Notifying a difference with ICAO.

4. SUMMARY

1. Extremely keen interest was shown by all the participants throughout the seminar, the level of interaction and the number of questions were very high. The delegates were unanimous in finding the seminar extremely useful and stimulating.
2. The degree of preparedness and implementation among the States present was high, especially in the Gulf Region.
3. Several States have already modified their national legislation to be in compliance with ICAO requirements. Most of the States have signed agreements with recognized providers and assessment of pilots & controllers underway.
4. It should be noted that several States declared their intention to target ICAO Levels 5 or 6 for all their controllers in the years to come.
5. The quality and clarity of the States` presentations on the status of their implementation plans was excellent, and in one case outstanding.
6. Areas of regional cooperation were discussed in the course of the last two days and the following potential fields of interest identified:
 - Combining of resources and economies of scale by collective negotiating with a shared testing and training provider;
 - Use of methodology and resources of larger States by smaller ones.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The seminar was characterized by frank and friendly exchange. There was general agreement about its usefulness and conviviality, the relevance of the presentations and the convenience of hard and electronic documents provided.

Attachment:

Attachment A - List of participants

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