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REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT (ISD) – SECURITY PROGRAMME DURING 2010

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents a progress report on the activities of the Implementation Support and Development - Security (ISD-SEC) Programme from January to December 2010. It focuses on actions related to facilitating assistance and training to States. In total, 115 States benefited from ISD-SEC assistance and training programmes in 2010.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Throughout 2010, the Implementation Support and Development - Security (ISD-SEC) Programme continued to carry out its mandate to provide, coordinate and facilitate the provision of assistance to States in the area of aviation security, to include assistance in the rectification of deficiencies identified by the Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP). In keeping with this mandate, the ISD-SEC Programme also promoted global cooperation, participated in the establishment of regional aviation security (AVSEC) organizations, assisted on technical aspects of the Cooperative Aviation Security Programme Asia-Pacific (CASP-AP), and promoted the exchange of security assistance information, transparency between States, and establishment of partnerships and alliances with aviation security stakeholders.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AVIATION SECURITY BRANCH

2.1 Recognizing the global developments in aviation security and to strengthen ICAO's focus on aviation security, the Secretariat was restructured, effective 1 January 2010, to create the Aviation Security (AVSEC) Branch, comprised of: the Aviation Security and Facilitation Policy (SFP) Section; the Aviation Security Audit (ASA) Section; and the ISD-SEC Section. In turn, the ISD-SEC Section staff assignments have been aligned with ICAO regions to create better lines of communication and coordination with the Regional Offices, which emphasize single points of contact, continuity and regional specialization.

2.2 The establishment of a Branch has had a positive impact for the ISD-SEC Programme, facilitating closer coordination between Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) outcomes and the planning and execution of ISD-SEC activities. Furthermore, the C/ISD-SEC is part of the AVSEC Branch management team thus assuring enhanced coordination with all AVSEC Programme activities.

2.3 The AVSEC Branch is coordinating with the Middle East Regional Director to establish an Aviation Security Regional Officer in the Cairo Regional Office.

3. ASSISTANCE TO STATES

3.1 The ISD-SEC Programme provided short-term assistance on the implementation of Annex 17 Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) to 12 States. Two States were provided guidance on the development/implementation of their Corrective Action Plan (CAP), nine States received in-country AVSEC training in which 155 national/airport security specialists were trained, and one State received assistance in the conduct of its AVSEC Crisis Management Exercise. All assistance missions were funded under the AVSEC Plan of Action and/or on a cost-recovery basis.

3.2 The ISD-SEC Programme assisted the Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) in the technical review of documentation on several projects and programmes. Closer cooperation has been established between ISD-SEC and the TCB to enhance coordination of ICAO aviation security assistance activities across all regions.

3.3 Following the Regional Aviation Security Conference that was convened in Abuja, Nigeria in April, discussions were held to further strengthen and implement the work programme of the African Roadmap of Aviation Security (2007). The African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) presented an update on the Roadmap, which now contains the AFCAC aviation security work programme for the next triennium. The development of various AVSEC documents and regional and national training and equipment needs has been included in this work programme. The ISD-SEC Programme will support and assist the implementation of the work programme.

3.4 An exploratory meeting between several States that provide aviation security assistance to other States was held at ICAO in March 2010 to consider the feasibility of sharing information on security-related assistance projects. A follow-up meeting was convened on the margins of the 37th Session of the ICAO Assembly where topics discussed included new opportunities to coordinate assistance and enhancing the sharing of assistance information. This led to a 3rd session which was held in February 2011 in Washington, D.C.

3.5 In May 2010, an Aviation Security/Facilitation (AVSEC/FAL) Regional Seminar was convened in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. The objectives of this seminar were to promote sustainable development in aviation security and to encourage an exchange of views on developments in the region, including inter-regional cooperation amongst States. The conclusions of the seminar were submitted to the participants of the AVSEC/FAL Regional Group - Pan-America (AVSEC/FAL/RG/PA) meeting, which followed this seminar.

3.6 On 29 October 2010, the Counter-Terrorism Capacity Building Programme Grant Arrangement was signed between Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and ICAO to continue with Phase III of the ICAO/Canada Security Awareness Training Programme over the next triennium. The assistance programme is comprised of four components, which include funding for: USAP audits; training; direct assistance to States; and the CASP-AP. The first training course, consisting of the National Inspectors Course (NIC) was conducted from 29 November to 7 December 2010 in St. Kitts and Nevis. The complete training portion of this programme will include 14 offerings of the NIC, 14 offerings of the National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme (NCASQCP) workshop, and 14 offerings of the Machine Readable Travel Document Course.

3.7 In December 2010 a NCASQCP workshop was conducted in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. A total of 19 participants took part in the workshop; 10 represented the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA); 3 were from large airlines at international airports, and 4 from Police and Intelligence Agencies.

3.8 Given the challenge of limited assistance resources, the Secretariat is currently reviewing past practices and audit results to establish a new method of determining priorities for critical assistance needs.

4. ISD TRAINING ACTIVITIES

4.1 Aviation security training continued to be a major focus of the ISD-SEC Programme. Activities included the development and maintenance of training material, and the support and oversight of 20 Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTCs) worldwide. During 2010, two new ASTCs were added to the network: École Nationale d'Aviation Civile (ENAC) Toulouse, France; and the Korean Airport Corporation (KAC) Seoul, Republic of Korea. All AVSEC training activities were consistent with the recently approved ICAO aviation training policy.

4.2 In 2010, 29 ICAO-sponsored courses and workshops were conducted within the ASTC network, which included the Cargo Security course, the NIC, the National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme (NCASTP) workshop, the NCASQCP workshop, the Screener Certification Programme (SCP) workshop and the Airport Security Programme (ASP) workshop. A total of 583 AVSEC specialists participated in these training events. Specific to the Middle East Region, an ASP workshop was conducted in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in April 2010, the NCASQCP workshop was conducted in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in November 2010, and the Cargo Security course in Amman, Jordan in December 2010.

4.3 With respect to training material, seven Aviation Security Training Packages (ASTPs) are available for sale: Basic, Cargo, Crisis Management, Exercise, Instructors, Management, and National Inspectors. The ASTP Crisis Management and the ASTP Exercise courses were updated in 2010. The distribution of ASTP Airline, which is a joint product of ICAO and IATA, is temporarily suspended as it is under revision by IATA. The ASTP Supervisors course was also withdrawn because an internal review determined that the material did not provide a direct benefit for States wishing to improve implementation of Annex 17 SARPS. Five aviation security assistance workshops (NCASTP, National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP), NCASQCP, SCP and ASP) are available for instruction within the ASTC network and directly to States. A new assistance workshop titled "Threat Analysis and Risk Management" was developed and is currently being finalized.

4.4 At the request of the Directors of the ASTCs, the annual ASTC Directors Meeting, originally scheduled for 2010, was held in February 2011 in Quito, Ecuador. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange best practices and strengthen cooperation and project coordination. An important part of the meeting's discussions related to the results of the evaluations performed on all ASTCs during the 2008 to 2010 triennium. It was determined that the 9th meeting of the Directors of the ASTCs will be held in Dubai, UAE in March 2012.

4.5 The evaluation of the ASTC network was completed with the last eight ASTCs being evaluated last year. Overall, the results were positive but certain improvements or corrections are needed, to assure delivery of the minimum required number of ISD-SEC-sponsored training courses and the enhancement of coordination amongst ASTCs. One ASTC demonstrated significant deficiencies, thus requiring a follow-up evaluation to be conducted during the second quarter of 2011. In the interim, coordination meetings were held at ICAO with this State's representatives to assist in rectifying the identified deficiencies. The performance of the ASTC network members will continue to be assessed by the Secretariat and appropriate action will be taken to ensure the quality, effectiveness and supply of training offerings.

4.6 In response to the growing need to provide aviation security training, three ISD-SEC Instructors Certification Courses were held in 2010, two in English (Nairobi and Hong Kong) and one in French (Casablanca). A total of 31 AVSEC instructors were added to the roster of short-term experts thus increasing the number of ICAO certified instructors to 159.

4.7 The Professional Management Course (PMC), which is a predominantly web-based programme, utilizing an innovative online classroom approach, continued to be offered in collaboration with the John Molson School of Business of Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. In total, 60 participants representing 24 States successfully graduated from this course in 2010.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Secretariat continues to work closely with States requiring assistance with a view to alleviate problems associated with the implementation of Annex 17 and Annex 9 SARPs. These activities will continue under the ICAO ISD-SEC Programme and will be conducted in conjunction with States and institutions willing and able to provide assistance.

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