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Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE
AIR OPERATOR CERTIFICATE (AOC) REGISTER**

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

The Regional Workshop for the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) Register, organized by ICAO with the collaboration of IATA was held in Dubai (23-24 November 2014).

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The 36th Assembly in September 2007 supported the proposal that, contingent upon the availability of funding, ICAO develop an international register of AOCs that provides transparency to Contracting States of the validity and currency of AOCs and the compliance integrity of the relevant oversight authority.

1.2 On 17 May, 2010, IATA, ICAO and Civil Aviation University of China (CAUC) signed a Letter of Intention for the AOC project at the ICAO Headquarters in Montreal.

1.3 Establishing an International Register of AOC, collecting the data of the AOC and associated operations specifications and making it available to the States, will improve the capability of States to fulfil their surveillance responsibilities. It will also provide an efficient single source of data.

1.4 The International Register of AOC application will:

- 1) allow a State CAA to upload a dataset of required AOC and operations specifications data, complemented by optional data;
- 2) provide the uploaded data to all States for surveillance purpose and allow defined outputs and searches, as well as timely notices of AOC/operations specifications status and changes;
- 3) be linked to relevant data in the ICAO International Aircraft Information system (IIAIS) established under Article 21 and to the Doc 8585 database for 3-letter designator code and the radiotelephony code [call-sign] of the operator;
- 4) allow printing of AOC and operations specifications in Annex 6 compliant layout format;

- 5) provide access of uploaded data to the specific operator for validation; and
- 6) in the long term, provide to States a comprehensive set of data that will satisfy the data requirements of many States regarding foreign operators.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Regional Workshop for the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) register, organized by ICAO with the collaboration of IATA was held in Dubai (23-24 November 2014).

2.2 The objective of the Workshop is to provide the States with training on how to use the ICAO AOC Registry tool online, inform about the background and benefits of this tool, as well as provide the opportunity to exercise in practice its use

2.3 The training was addressed to decision making officers, ideally managers in the areas of operations and airworthiness, or their equivalent in the areas that are responsible for issuing and managing AOCs, within Civil Aviation Authorities as well as Air Services Operators.

2.4 The Workshop was attended by 26 participants from 6 States (Afghanistan, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and UAE), COSCAP-GS, IATA and 5 airlines.

2.5 A good set of feedback on how to improve the register was collected such as:

- AOC database initiative should be part of GASP and should not be voluntary system; and
- A request to have an AOC library to include processes & documents that are required by States.

2.6 The workshop's presentations and list of attendance will be available on the ICAO MID website at: <http://www.icao.int/mid/>.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information in this paper.