



**Agenda Item 4: AVSEC**  
**4.2 Regional AVSEC activities**

**REGIONAL AVSEC ACTIVITIES**

(Presented by Secretariat)

<b>SUMMARY</b> This working paper presents recent aviation security (AVSEC) activities of the ICAO Implementation, Support and Development (ISD-Security) Section of the Planning, Coordination and Implementation Branch, and the Security Guidance Material (SGM) Section of the Air Transport Bureau in coordination with the AVSEC Regional Officer for the NACC and SAM Regions; other AVSEC training activities sponsored by ICAO; and the future of the GREPECAS AVSEC/COMM.	
<b>References:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annex 17</li><li>• Annex 9, Machine Readable Travel Documents</li><li>• Security Manual for Safeguarding Civil Aviation against Acts of Unlawful Interference (Doc. 8973)</li><li>• Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP)</li><li>• The Establishment and Management of a State's Aviation Security Oversight System, Part C of Safety Oversight Manual (Doc. 9734)</li></ul>	
<b>Strategic Objective B</b>	<i>Enhance Global Aviation Security</i>

**1. Introduction**

1.1 This working paper presents State actions necessary to support and comply with ICAO Strategic Objective B - *Enhance global civil aviation security*, and stresses State participation in training activities sponsored by ICAO to comply with the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of Annex 17. This working paper also provides information on the future of the GREPECAS AVSEC/COMM.

## 2. Discussion

2.1 As a result of USAP audits, and through the *ICAO/Canada Security Awareness Training Programme – Phase II*, several workshops have been conducted since 2006 that included the methodology to develop the National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP) and National Quality Control Programme (NQCP) with the objective to assist States with compliance to the Annex 17 aviation security SARPs and improve their aviation security (AVSEC) oversight.

2.2 Workshops addressing the criteria to develop a National Screeners Certification Programme and AVSEC Instructors Course to increase the number of instructors in States are in process of being conducted. National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme (NCASP) courses and Cargo Security Programme workshops are scheduled to be conducted the first trimester of 2009.

2.3 In addition to the aforementioned training activities, ICAO continues with the regular training programme based on the Standard Aviation Security Training Packages (ASTPs) through the Regional Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTC), e.g., National Inspectors Course and ICAO Instructors Certification Course. **Appendix A** to this working paper includes the training schedule for courses and workshops planned until the end of 2008 and for the first trimester of 2009.

2.4 Even though ICAO endeavours to implement the *Awareness Training Programme on Aviation Security - Phase II*, it is regrettable that not all States take advantage of having their civil aviation authority AVSEC personnel attend, thereby losing the benefit of improving the qualifications of their personnel with this training. In many cases, participants of private concessionaries or air carriers are the beneficiaries of this training. Therefore, it is important to remind States of Standard 3.4.7 of Annex 17, under paragraph a), which establishes that civil aviation authorities should “*ensure that the personnel carrying out security audits, tests, surveys and inspections are trained to appropriate standards for these tasks in accordance with the national civil aviation security programme.*” Thus, it is also important that such authorities comply with this standard.

2.5 The ICAO ISD Section of the PCI Branch with the RO/AVSEC for the NACC/SAM Regions are in a better position to provide direct assistance to States by providing advice and facilitation for obtaining technical cooperation projects for AVSEC matters.

2.6 The Meeting is reminded of States’ obligations to contribute to the ICAO AVSEC Plan of Action and furnish qualified personnel from the States as short term experts (STE) to provide training for the improvement of regional and international civil aviation.

2.7 It is also important for States to participate in ICAO’s Point-of-Contact (PoC) Network for AVSEC/FAL; to implement the recommended guidelines regarding security controls for Liquids, Aerosols and Gels (LAGs) inspection; and to provide ICAO with reports on acts of unlawful interference in their States.

2.8 The ICAO Security Guidance Material (SGM) Section has finished the review of the seventh edition of the *Security Manual for Safeguarding Civil Aviation against Acts of Unlawful Interference* (Doc. 8973 – Restricted), and the initial English language version is due for distribution to States **by December 2008**. This new version of the manual is divided into five volumes, which include:

- a) Volume I – National Organization and Administration;
- b) Volume II – Training, Selection and Recruitment;
- c) Volume III – Airport Design and Administration;
- d) Volume IV – Preventive Measures; and
- e) Volume V – Crisis Management and Response. (This volume is already published).

2.9 In order to complete the aforementioned and to assist appropriate State authorities with conducting effective oversight within their States, Part C of Doc 9734, *Safety Oversight Manual* has been developed entitled *The Establishment and Management of a State's Aviation Security Oversight System*, which is already published.

2.10 It is also important to note that the ICAO Council agreed to maintain the terms of reference of the Planning and Implementation Regional Groups, except for Africa (AFI) and the CAR/SAM Regions (GREPECAS), whose terms will be amended to exclude aviation security issues. The reason for separating the AVSEC/COMM from GREPECAS is that the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) is not the appropriate entity for managing security issues. It should be clarified that ICAO is not abandoning aviation security issues, and the AVSEC/COMM will continue functioning as the AVSEC-FAL/COMM as an independent and multi-regional forum to harmonize and efficiently unify the efforts of smaller AVSEC regional groups in order to avoid duplicating efforts and exhausting limited State resources.

### **3. Required Action for the Meeting**

3.1 The Meeting is invited to take note of the content of this working paper, and NAM/CAR/SAM States are requested to:

- a) ensure that personnel from their administrations participate in the instruction activities sponsored by ICAO and other international organizations;
- b) ensure ICAO is notified regarding their Points-of-Contact for Facilitation (FAL) as well as Aviation Security (AVSEC);
- c) implement the recommended guidelines for security controls regarding the inspection of liquids, aerosols and gels;
- d) agree that the ICAO AVSEC/COMM will continue to provide support and guidance for civil aviation security issues through a multi-regional mechanism that will assist States with compliance of the Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 9 and Annex 17 to the Chicago Convention;

- e) continue to provide input to the ICAO AVSEC Plan of Action and ensure the participation of their aviation security and facilitation experts in order to maintain continuous improvement and sustainability of AVSEC measures and procedures for the protection of international civil aviation; and
- f) support hosting future meetings of the AVSEC-FAL/COMM.

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**APPENDIX A**  
**ICAO/CANADA TRAINING PROGRAM**  
**PROGRAMA DE INSTRUCCIÓN OACI/CANADA**  
**2008-2009**

REGULAR PROGRAM: Training Program Course PROGRAMA REGULAR: Programa Nacional de Instructores			
Host State/Territory Estado Sede	Dates Fechas	Venue Sede	Participants Participantes
ASTC Trinidad & Tobago	14-24 OCT 2008	ASTC Port of Spain	CAR/SAM English Speaking Countries Países de habla inglesa de la Región CAR/SAM
ASTC Argentina	4-14 NOV 2008	ASTC Buenos Aires CIPE	CAR/SAM Spanish Speaking Countries Países de habla española de la Región CAR/SAM
ICAO CANADA TRAINING PROGRAM: Screener Certification Workshop PROGRAMA DE INSTRUCCIÓN OACI-CANADA: Taller sobre Certificación de personal operador de equipos de seguridad de la aviación			
1. México	24-28 NOV 2008	Morelia, Mexico	Mexico
2. Colombia	1-5 DEC 2008	Bogotá, Colombia	Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela
ICAO CANADA TRAINING PROGRAM: Instructors Course PROGRAMA DE INSTRUCCIÓN OACI-CANADA: Programación de Instrucción			
1. Brazil	21-29 OCT, 2008	Brazil	Brazil
2. Panama	18-26 NOV 2008	Panama	Costa Rica Nicaragua Panama
3. Peru	2-10 DEC, 2008	Peru	Bolivia Chile Peru
4. Bahamas	2-10 DEC, 2008	Bahamas	Bahamas Belize Jamaica
5. Uruguay	20-28 JAN 2009	Uruguay	Argentina Paraguay Uruguay

REGULAR PROGRAM: Training Program Course PROGRAMA REGULAR: Programa Nacional de Instructores			
Host State/Territory Estado Sede	Dates Fechas	Venue Sede	Participants Participantes
6. French Antilles	27 JAN -4 FEB 2009	Martinique, French Antilles	French Guiana Haiti French Antilles
7. Aruba	20-28 JAN 2009 20-28 ENE 2009	Aruba	Aruba Guyana Netherlands Antilles Suriname Trinidad and Tobago
8. El Salvador	3-11 FEB 2009	El Salvador	El Salvador Guatemala Honduras
9. Antigua and Barbuda	3-11 MAR 2009	Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua & Barbuda Barbados Dominica Grenada St.Kitts & Nevis St.Lucia St.Vincent & the Grenadines
10. Cuba	3-11 MAR, 2009	Cuba	Cuba Dominican Republic
11. Venezuela	10-18 MAR, 2009	Venezuela	Colombia Ecuador Venezuela
12. Mexico	17-25 MAR, 2009	Mexico	Mexico

**Note.- Starting the second trimester of 2009, there will be more workshops and courses regarding National Cargo Security Programme for all States. States will keep the same grouping for this new training.**

**Nota.- Durante el segundo trimestre del 2009, habrá más talleres y cursos correspondientes al Programa Nacional de Seguridad en la Carga para todos los Estados. Para dicha instrucción, se mantendrán los mismos grupos de países que en el programa anterior.**