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# Middle East Aviation Security and Facilitation Plan (MID SECFAL PLAN)

# AVSEC Challenges in the MID Region

- **The recent aviation security terrorist attacks**
- **Threat and risk outlook facing international civil aviation**
- **Need to adequately empower the designated Appropriate Authority for aviation security oversight**
- **Continuous need to improve States' capacity and capability to address the tenuous security environment, conflict zones, and new and emerging threats**

# AVSEC Challenges in the MID Region

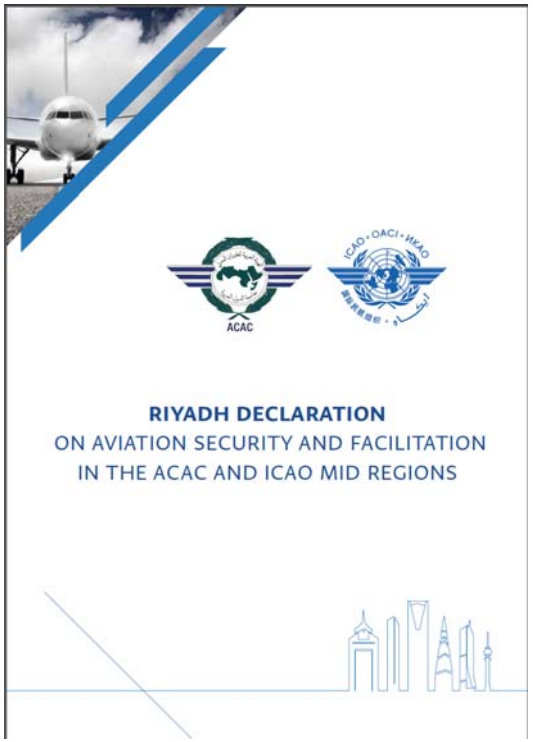
- **Need to enhance States' Level of Effective Implementation of the critical elements of an aviation security oversight system, compliance with the ICAO AVSEC/FAL-related SARPs in Annexes 17 and 9, and implementation of States' Corrective Action Plans**
- **Need to foster development of effective National Programmes: National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP), National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme (NCASTP), National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme (NCASQCP) and National Air Transport Facilitation Programme (NATFP)**

# AVSEC Challenges in the MID Region

- **Negative consequences of weak aviation security and facilitation culture**
- **Insufficient systems and tools for the efficient and secure reading and verification of Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs) at borders, including the use of the ICAO PKD and the INTERPOL Stolen and Lost Travel Documents (SLTD) database**
- **Slow pace of the implementation of aviation security and facilitation requirements of Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014), including the use of Advance Passenger Information (API)**

# Riyadh Declaration

**As an outcome of The Global Ministerial Aviation Summit held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 29 to 31 August 2016, the Riyadh Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation in the ACAC and ICAO Regions was endorsed on 31 August 2016**



# Riyadh Declaration- Main Decisions

- **Support, provide and make available needed resources for the development of a Regional SECFAL Plan which aims to enhance aviation security and facilitation in the ACAC and ICAO MID Regions and for the implementation of the Declaration**
- **Direct the ACAC Secretariat, in coordination with the ICAO Secretariat, to establish an effective monitoring, evaluation and reporting mechanism for this Declaration through the creation of a joint Steering Committee, including all stakeholders which will establish and maintain a clear action plan with specific targets towards the establishment of a regional SECFAL Group.**
- **Incorporate the provisions of the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) and the Global Facilitation Plan after their endorsement by ICAO's Assembly in the Regional SECFAL Plan**

# First meeting of the Aviation Security and Facilitation Plan Development Group (SECFAL PDG/1)

## ICAO MID Office, Cairo, Egypt, 31 January - 2 February 2017

The meeting was attended by a total of 38 participants from 12 States and 2 Organizations (AACO and IATA)

# SECFAL PDG/1 Outcomes:

**The meeting established two Action Groups:**

- **Procedural Handbook ACTION GROUP to develop the Organizational Structure of the MID-RASFG and draft Terms of Reference (TORs)**
- **SEC/FAL Plan ACTION GROUP to develop a Draft ACAC/MID SEC/FAL Plan and propose 2 sets of targets:**
  - ✓ **a limited list of high-level AVSEC/FAL targets for presentation to and endorsement by the DGCA-MID/4 meeting (Muscat, Oman, 17-19 October 2017);**
  - ✓ **a comprehensive list of targets covering all the identified AVSEC/FAL priority areas, for review and consideration of the Middle East Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFG), once established.**

# SECOND MEETING OF THE SECFAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP (SECFAL PDG/2)
# Abu Dhabi, UAE, 3 - 4 May 2017

The meeting was attended by a total of 38 participants from 11 States and 3 Organizations (AACO, ACI and IATA)

## SECFAL PDG/2 Outcomes:

**The meeting identified the followings as high priority topics, which should be included in the short-term SECFAL Plan:**

- **Cyber Security**
- **Risk & Threat Assessments (Land & Airspace)**
- **Cargo & Mail Security**
- **Passenger Data (API/PNR)**

# SECFAL PDG/2 Outcomes (Cnt'd):

- **The meeting underlined that the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) as well as the other Undertakings of the Riyadh Declaration would be considered in the medium and long-term priorities in the future.**

# AVSEC Opportunities in the MID Region

- **The availability of a good number of Aviation Security Experts.**
- **The presence of 5 Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTCs); 2 additional Centres are under certification process.**
- **The commitment of the States to develop and enhance Aviation Security and Facilitation Systems.**
- **The willingness of States to help and support other States in need by sharing information and expertise.**
- **The same aviation security threats and security culture.**

# Next Step

- **Formal establishment of the Middle East Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (MID-RAFSG) by the DGCA-MID/4 meeting (Muscat, Oman, 17-19 October 2017).**

- **Finalization of the ACAC/MID SECFAL Plan, including the establishment of the Regional AVSEC/FAL Targets.**

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