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Agenda Item 2: Report on the outcome of the High-level Conference on Aviation Security and the Twenty-third Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel

REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE TWENTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE AVIATION SECURITY PANEL, 26-30 MARCH 2012 (AVSECP/23)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The twenty-third meeting of the Aviation Security (AVSEC) Panel was held in Montréal from 26 to 30 March 2012. The meeting was attended by 165 members, advisers and observers nominated by 48 Member States and 11 international organizations and industry associations.

1.2 The Facilitation Panel is invited to note the recommendations of the Panel, reproduced in the Appendix to this paper.

APPENDIX

1.1 **Agenda Item 1: Developments in aviation security since AVSECP/22**

1.1.1 **The Panel recommended that the:**

- a) Working Group on Threat and Risk (WGTR) continue to refine its risk assessment methodology, and also assess radiological, biological and chemical threats to aviation security;
- b) Working Group on Guidance Material (WGGM) develop guidance on the application of unpredictability in aviation security, and on the protection of landside areas of airports; and
- c) principles governing international cooperation be presented to the High-level Conference on Aviation Security (HLCAS) for adoption, and the Working Group on Annex 17 (WGA17) put forward a proposal to introduce a Standard or Recommended Practice on these principles.

1.2 **Agenda Item 2: Aviation security conferences**

1.2.1 **The Panel recommended that:**

- a) the HLCAS address topics of importance, including those identified by the regional conferences on aviation security held under ICAO auspices in 2011 and 2012; and
- b) Panel members and observers, as well as ICAO Member States, organizations and industry, participate in the Joint Conference on Air Cargo Security and Facilitation in Singapore in July 2012.

1.3 **Agenda Item 3: Status of Annex 17 — Security**

1.3.1 **The Panel recommended that:**

- a) the WGA17 consider the adoption of a new Standard or Recommended Practice related to the detection of liquid explosives;
- b) the WGGM develop guidance to move from a liquids-restricted security regime to one with the capability to screen for liquid explosives, including on means of communicating with passengers to ensure a global approach to the lifting of liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs) restrictions;
- c) the Secretariat monitor progress on the lifting of LAGs restrictions while encouraging States to: (i) share information on liquid explosives detection systems tested and approved in their jurisdictions; and (ii) follow the five principles for developing

common criteria for the screening of LAGs when considering lifting LAGs restrictions, provided in Appendix A; and

- d) States and industry exchange information on the implementation of Security Management Systems, and that the Panel be kept informed about developments.

1.4 **Agenda Item 4: Air cargo security**

1.4.1 **The Panel recommended that:**

- a) the WGA17 finalize definitions and SARPs covering: i) security controls for cargo carried on passenger and all-cargo aircraft; ii) dealing with high-risk cargo; and iii) dealing with transfer and transit cargo;
- b) in developing SARPs, the WGA17 promote a supply chain security approach;
- c) the WGGM develop materials in liaison with the WGA17 and the Working Group on Air Cargo Security (WGACS);
- d) ICAO continue to collaborate with the World Customs Organization, Universal Postal Union and others; and
- e) the Panel working groups take on board the Action Plan on Air Cargo Security, provided in Appendix B, in carrying out their work.

1.5 **Agenda Item 5: 100 per cent screening of persons other than passengers**

1.5.1 **The Panel recommended that:**

- a) The revision of Standard 4.2.6 which reads:

Each Contracting State shall ensure that persons other than passengers, together with items carried, prior to entry into airport security restricted areas serving international civil aviation operations, are subject to screening and security controls.

be submitted to the WGA17 for inclusion in the next amendment to Annex 17, envisaged for adoption in 2014; and

- b) the guidance material developed by the Working Group on 100 Per Cent Screening of Persons Other Than Passengers be considered by the WGGM in its future work.

1.6 **Agenda Item 6: Progress reports from working groups of the AVSEC Panel**

1.6.1 **The Panel recommended that:**

- a) the work programme of the Working Group on Training (WGT) be endorsed and that States provide the group with information on behavioural analysis;

- b) the Working Group on Technology (WGTech) carry on its work and be supported by members and observers of the Panel, whenever possible;
- c) Member States seek access to the AVSECPaedia as soon as practicable to share information on screening technology and equipment;
- d) the Technical Advisory Group on Next Generation Screening (TAGNGen) work with the WGGM, the WGT and the WGTech to incorporate and amend, if necessary, the principles to be observed when considering changes to passenger screening processes, and that Member States work with industry to test methods and technology, and share the results with the TAGNGen;
- e) a simplified version of the *Risk Context Statement* be presented to the HLCAS; and
- f) the WGTR develop a trend analysis document, to help the aviation security community adopt a proactive stance towards addressing threats.

1.7 **Agenda Item 7: Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP)**

1.7.1 **The Panel recommended that the Secretariat:**

- a) Continue to implement the USAP while developing, for future use, a USAP-Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) that combines a risk-based approach to auditing and continuous monitoring; and
- b) ensure that discussions on the sharing of audit results consider the value of this information in targeting assistance, while taking into account its sensitive nature.

1.8 **Agenda Item 8: Implementation Support and Development – Security Programme**

1.8.1 **The Panel recommended that the Secretariat:**

- a) develop the risk-based approach to prioritize assistance and capacity building work to optimize resources, while ensuring that States in need will not be denied help;
- b) develop, with the African Civil Aviation Commission and other relevant organizations, an aviation security strategy for Africa, taking account of the African Aviation Security Roadmap;
- c) review the ICAO aviation security training materials to ensure their conformity with best practices, and continue evaluations of Aviation Security Training Centres;
- d) work on developing screener competencies and certification with the WGGM and the WGT; and
- e) finalize the *Good Projects Guide* and incorporate it into the *Aviation Security Manual* for use by Member States.