



**ASSEMBLY — 38TH SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Item 15: Aviation Security – Implementation Support**

**AVSEC/FAL DECISIONS FORMULATED BY LACAC**

(Presented by the 22 Member States<sup>2</sup> of the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission)

**SUMMARY**

The 37th Session of the Assembly requested the Council to direct the Secretary General to continue providing effective assistance to promote a higher level of compliance with Annex 17 — *Security* and with the provisions of Annex 9 — *Facilitation* related to security in all States.

In turn, LACAC bylaws stipulate that: “*The Commission will maintain a close relationship with ICAO to ensure the harmonisation and coordination of its activities with ICAO objectives and plans*”.

Since May 2011, the ICAO-LACAC AVSEC/FAL Regional Group has been working for the establishment of security priorities, standardising security practices in the NACC and SAM Regions, and improving capacity-building activities.

As a result of this coordinated work, LACAC adopted the following decisions:

- a) Resolution A20-17 “Course on detection of unruly and disruptive passengers”;
- b) Resolution A20-19 “Manual on the threat assessment and risk management methodology - Guidelines”;
- c) Resolution A20-21 “Manual on the treatment of persons with disabilities in air transportation”.

**Decision:** The Assembly is invited to take note of this initiative.

<b>Strategic Objectives:</b>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objective B – <i>Security</i>
<b>References:</b>	Resolution A20-17 “Course on detection of unruly and disruptive passengers”; Resolution A20-19 “Manual on the threat assessment and risk management methodology - Guidelines”; Resolution A20-21 “Manual on the treatment of persons with disabilities in air transportation”; Reports of the ICAO-LACAC AVSEC/FAL Regional Group.

<sup>1</sup> English and Spanish versions provided by LACAC.

<sup>2</sup> Argentina, Aruba, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.

## 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 It should be recalled that, since its origin, LACAC has been working on topics related to facilitation, as part of the air transport activity. Since 1995, when its work programme was restructured, topics concerning security against acts of unlawful interference have been included, and the AVSEC group (GRUAVSEC) was created in 2000, independent of GEPEJTA. Subsequently, the need was felt to bring together facilitation and security issues, and the LACAC AVSEC/FAL group was created with its respective terms of reference and specific tasks.

1.2 On 1 January 2007, LACAC started a new stage of administrative and financial autonomy while maintaining close links with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). In this regard, the president of the LACAC Executive Committee and the President of the ICAO Council signed a Memorandum of Mutual Cooperation in September 2010 for the conduction of joint activities, while respecting their respective work programme.

1.3 The XIX Ordinary Assembly of LACAC (Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, November 2010) approved Resolution A19-05 “Regional FAL/AVSEC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism”, which, amongst other things, provided for LACAC and ICAO to work jointly on issues related to “Facilitation and Security”, by combining their respective working groups. This gave rise to the establishment of the “Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group” (ICAO-LACAC AVSEC/FAL/RG).

## 2. WORK OF THE ICAO-LACAC AVSEC/FAL REGIONAL GROUP

2.1 The first meeting of the Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/1) was held in Asunción, Paraguay (May 2011). At that meeting, the group established the terms of reference and projects, and appointed coordinators to perform the group’s tasks. In addition, the meeting decided that the output of the work done by the group would be handled by the LACAC Secretariat following the corresponding regular channel (Executive Committee and Assembly) and in the case of ICAO, following the internal procedures of that organisation.

2.2 The second meeting of the ICAO-LACAC AVSEC/FAL Group (St. John’s, Antigua and Barbuda, May 2012) reviewed the tasks set out in its work programme. At that meeting, the experts drafted some documents that merited following the corresponding approval process. Accordingly, following the procedure for the adoption of LACAC decisions, the XX LACAC Ordinary Assembly held in Brasilia, Brazil, in November 2012, approved, inter alia, the following decisions:

- a) Resolution A20-17 “Course on detection of unruly and disruptive passengers”;
- b) Resolution A20-19 “Manual on the threat assessment and risk management methodology - Guidelines”;
- c) Resolution A20-21 “Manual on the treatment of persons with disabilities in air transportation”.

2.3 The third meeting of the AVSEC/FAL Regional Group (Lima, Peru, June 2013) continued analysing the status of its tasks, inter alia, that the LACAC Secretariat start the procedure for formulating decisions on a “Framework for the procurement, testing, and deployment of security equipment” and the “Model of cargo security national programme”. It also agreed to coordinate with the States the creation of a project to standardise regulations and procedures related to the certification and oversight of AVSEC instructors, the development of a strategic plan for the Regional Group that

contemplates strategies for achieving medium- and long-term objectives, as well as the standardisation of passenger and hand baggage screening procedures.

### 3. CONCLUSION

3.1 As may be noted, the work carried out by the Regional Group has generated important documents on (AVSEC/FAL) management by civil aviation authorities of the LACAC Member States and contribute to the safe, orderly and efficient development of international air transport, maintaining an appropriate balance between facilitation and security.

### 4. MEASURES PROPOSED TO THE ASSEMBLY

4.1 The Assembly is invited to:

- a) take note of the information and documents presented herein;
- b) endorse the work being carried out on AVSEC/FAL in the Latin American and Caribbean Region; and
- c) place the attached documents at the disposal of the international aeronautical community.

*Note—The attached documents are also available in the following address:  
<http://clacsec.lima.icao.int/2011-MDec-cap06.htm>.*

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