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**Agenda Item 3                      Global and Regional Developments**  
**3.2                      Annex 17, AVSEC Panel, AVSEC Manual, USAP**

**KEY POLICY DEVELOPMENTS AND INITIATIVES OF THE ICAO AVIATION SECURITY PROGRAMME**

(Presented by the ICAO Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper provides an update on developments in the ICAO regulatory and policy framework, taking into account the recommendations stemming from the 23rd meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP). Key areas addressed are:

- a) the High-level Conference on Aviation Security, to be held from 12 to 14 September 2012 in Montréal, Canada;
- b) amendment 13 to Annex 17;
- c) guidance material;
- d) checkpoint of the future;
- e) the enhancement of global air cargo security; and
- f) screening of persons other than passengers and liquids, aerosols and gels.

Action by the Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group is proposed in paragraph 2.

***Strategic Objectives***

*This working paper is related to ICAO Strategic Objective B.*

## **1. KEY POLICY DEVELOPMENTS AND INITIATIVES**

### *1.1 High-level Conference on Aviation Security*

1.1.1 ICAO planning is underway for the High-level Aviation Security Conference (HLCAS) to be held at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal from 12 to 14 September 2012. An invitation was transmitted to Member States and international organizations by way of State letter SD39/1-12/6, dated 2 February 2012, inviting States to advise the Secretariat on attendance. A series of regional conferences were held around the world, including one in Caracas, Venezuela on 7 and 8 February 2012 in preparation for the High-level Conference and producing Joint Statements to promote the implementation of ICAO's Declaration on Aviation Security. The Secretary General also extended invitations urging Ministerial participation by all States in the High-level Conference. To date, 202 ministers and delegates representing 59 States and 14 organizations have registered.

1.1.2 The HLCAS will consider key issues such as: mitigating the insider threat; cargo security; sustainability of aviation security; evolution of aviation security audits; capacity-building and technical assistance; technology and innovation; action to be taken with respect to States with significant aviation security concerns; the role of the Machine Readable Travel Document (MRTD) Programme; Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR); and ICAO mechanisms for managing aviation security in the regions. In addition, the HLCAS will also consider the first global Risk Context Statement, which provides an overview of security threats, risks, and vulnerabilities to aviation. This statement, drafted by the AVSEC Panel Working Group on Threat and Risk describes the global terrorist risk facing aviation, and the general threat and risk situation. Detailed information on the Risk Context Statement will be available on the conference website at [www.icao.int/meetings/avsecconf](http://www.icao.int/meetings/avsecconf).

### *1.2 Amendment 13 to Annex 17*

1.2.1 On the basis of the recommendations of the 23rd Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP), a revised Standard on 100 per cent screening of persons other than passengers, as well as amended air cargo security provisions will be proposed for inclusion in Amendment 13 to Annex 17. Currently the Working Group on Annex 17 (WGA17) is in the stage of identifying a series of potential Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) for inclusion in Amendment 13 in order to strengthen the global aviation security regulatory framework and improve security-related SARPs.

### *1.3 Guidance material*

1.3.1 ICAO has published the 8th edition of the *Aviation Security Manual* (Doc 8973/8) in all ICAO languages which will be distributed by September 2012. This new edition has consolidated the former five volumes into a single comprehensive document, improving its usability and effectiveness. The Working Group on Guidance Material (WGGM) is developing additional guidance material, including in the area of implementing unpredictability in aviation security measures. The next WGGM meeting is planned to be held in October 2012.

#### 1.4 *Checkpoint of the future*

1.4.1 ICAO through its Technical Advisory Group on Next Generation Screening (TAGNGEN) has established a leadership role in the development of a blueprint for a future airport screening checkpoint and enhanced processes. For 2012, the objective is for the International Air Transportation Association (IATA) and other partners to complete a concept definition, establish an operational testing and evaluation programme, and test the checkpoint of the future components at airports. Member States are encouraged to participate in these operational testing activities and provide input for the further development of next generation screening principles and components.

#### 1.5 *Air cargo security*

1.5.1 The Secretariat and the Working Group on Air Cargo Security (WGACS) are developing a comprehensive cargo framework aimed at strengthening cargo and mail security in the global supply chain. The framework includes a combination of definitions and new or amended SARPs related to high-risk cargo, transshipment cargo, and security controls for cargo carried on all-cargo aircraft, with a view of including these in Amendment 13 to Annex 17.

#### 1.6 *Screening of persons other than passengers*

1.6.1 The 23rd Meeting of the AVSECP reached consensus with regard to the strengthening of Standard 4.2.6 of Annex 17 which is aimed at addressing the insider threat while retaining the principle of 100 per cent screening of persons other than passengers. A proposed amendment to Standard 4.2.6 of Annex 17, along with other revisions and/or additions for Amendment 13, is envisaged to be submitted to the Council for possible adoption in 2014.

#### 1.7 *The threat posed by liquids, aerosols and gels*

1.7.1 The Third Meeting of the ICAO Secretariat Study Group (SSG) on the carriage and screening of Liquids, Aerosols and Gels (LAGs), which met on 14 and 15 December 2011, considered national and regional developments with regard to efforts in the lifting of restrictions on LAGs. The High-level Conference on Aviation Security in September 2012 is expected to agree on ways and means to advance the broader implementation of LAGs screening and to promote worldwide harmonization of technical solutions for the screening of LAGs.

## **2. ACTION BY THE REGIONAL GROUP**

2.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) note the policy-related activities and developments under the ICAO Aviation Security Programme; and
- b) encourage full participation at the HLCAS to be held in Montreal from the 12 to 14 September 2012.