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- Agenda Item 6: Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL)**
- 6.1 Aviation Security and Facilitation Activities in the NAM/CAR Regions**
  - 6.2 Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA)**

**CUBA'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW  
UNIVERSAL SECURITY AUDIT PROGRAMME CONTINUOUS MONITORING APPROACH  
(USAP-CMA)**

(Presented by Cuba)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This information paper is aimed at informing Cuba's position regarding the priority that Aviation Security as an aviation specialty requires, as well as on the implementation of the new Universal Security Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA).

This information paper is related to this C/CAR/DCA/14 Meeting Agenda Item 6, "Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL)", items 6.1 and 6.2

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Security &amp; Facilitation</li></ul>
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High Level Conference on Aviation Security (HLCAS) held in ICAO Headquarters, Montreal, Canada, September 2012</li><li>• USAP-CMA Regional Seminar, Mexico City, April 2014</li><li>• Final Report of the Thirteenth Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Central Caribbean (C/CAR/DCA/13)</li></ul>

**1. Introduction**

1.1 Aviation security, by its essence, constitutes itself a challenge being a deeply complex aeronautical specialty, where technical, economic, legal and political elements are combined, with direct impact on the National Security of our States, which requires continuous identification and threats evaluation and an adequate risks management, that allow a timely implementation of preventive actions aimed at counteract terrorism threats against civil aviation targets, in an efficient and harmonized way.

1.2 At the High Level Conference on Aviation Security (HLCAS) held at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal, Canada, in September 2012, the Caribbean States that attended this historic event, supported the important issues discussed that are vital to raise safety levels with a view to preventing and addressing acts of unlawful interference against civil aviation at global, regional and national level. Cuba shares the analysis, reflections and conclusions that were developed on each agenda item of the above mentioned conference, and considers that they decreed guidelines to follow in AVSEC matters in the coming years that are perfectly applicable to our geographic region.

## **2. Universal Security Audit Programme - Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA) in Cuba**

2.1 Cuba has among its main priorities matters related to aviation security, agrees with the adoption of the new SARPs considered in Annex 17 amendments 13 and 14, already incorporated into our Cuban Aviation Regulations (RAC- 17) and supports guidelines related to the ICAO distribution of the World Status of Security Risk, maintaining the confidentiality of sensitive information so that States use it as a tool to make their own risk assessments within an appropriate and objective context

2.2 Cuba considers correct that ICAO continue to focus on providing assistance related to aviation security and, moreover, that States voluntarily contribute with financial and human resources (experts and trainers) to increase the scope and impact of the ICAO activities to improve aviation security at global and regional level.

2.3 Cuba particularly supports the new Universal Security Audit Programme - Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA) which objective is to promote global aviation security through audit activities to aviation security of member States through the collection and regular and continuous analysis of information on the State's performance regarding aviation security, including the implementation level of critical elements of a surveillance system for the security of civil aviation and the degree of compliance with Annex 17 - *Security* and specific provisions related to aviation security Annex 9 - *Facilitation*.

2.4 Cuba also supports to maintain a "limited level of transparency of USAP audit results, without compromising their confidentiality", allowing ICAO to share the results of aviation security audits without providing detailed information of the deficiencies of a particular State, in support of addressing assistance activities .

2.5 Our State has been designated by ICAO to be subject of a USAP - CMA audit based on Documentation during this year, in this regard, Cuba is preparing with a view to achieve positive results, while strengthens and elevates the level of security.

## **3. Conclusions**

3.1 Cuba considers this to be a great opportunity to strengthen cooperation among all States in our region and the world, as a premise to achieve a common front in the prevention of acts of unlawful interference that may be planned against the international civil aviation, which would be an undeniable contribution to the fight against terrorism and world peace.