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Agenda Item 3:   Review of aviation security results obtained in the SAM Region

REPORTING ON NAM/CAR AND SAM AVSEC/FAL/RG PANEL ACTIVITIES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

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<i>This working paper reports on the activities carried out by the ICAO/LACAC AVSEC/FAL Regional Group</i>
<i>The Meeting is invited to analyse this working paper, exchange opinions, and suggest relevant measures.</i>
<i>Encourage States to develop some of the projects approved by the Group, based on a risk assessment, and to report the results obtained.</i>

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1.   Introduction

1.1   In May 2011, a meeting was held in Asunción, Paraguay, where, for the first time, two AVSEC/FAL panels that were working in parallel, one under the scope of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the other under the Latin American Civil Aviation Organization (LACAC) were merged into the ICAO/LACAC CAR/NAM and SAM AVSEC/FAL Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG).

1.2   This working group consists of the States and Territories of the North American, Central American, Caribbean, and South American Regions, in addition to IATA, IFALPA, ECCAA, OAS-CICTE, COCESNA, ACI, ALTA; CANSO, SIIASA, among others.

1.3   The terms of reference highlight the establishment of a cooperation agreement between ICAO and LACAC, whereby the AVSEC/FAL/RG will report on its activities, tasks, and results to the Directors of Civil Aviation and to the appropriate aviation security authority.

1.4   The strategy consists of highlighting the importance of aviation security among the States and organisations involved, promoting compliance with international civil aviation security

standards and States' security oversight capacity; promoting the sharing of information among the States in order to raise awareness on aviation security threats and trends, encouraging a common interest in the recognition of aviation security processes.

2.   Objectives and activities

2.1   The main objectives include:

a) To enhance security and facilitation of air transport and aircraft operations, among others.
b) To update aviation security regulations and improve the level of compliance at national level.
c) To develop a regional aviation security structure that may serve for regional cooperation, and exchange best practices to improve aviation security systems in the States of the Region.
d) To establish a regional mechanism for the provision of a guide for "common application" of the standards contained in Annex 17, Security, and Annex 9, Facilitation.
e) Strengthen the mechanisms for coordination, cooperation and exchange of information, experiences, procedures and best practices in aviation security and facilitation among the States of the Region.

2.2   Among the activities and projects carried out and being carried out by State experts, the following are worth noting:

a) "Manual on the methodology for threat assessment and risk management" (guidance)

b) "National Air Cargo Security Programme" model

c) "Course on identification of passengers with suspicious behaviour"

d) "Framework for security equipment procurement, testing, and deployment"

e) Passenger and hand luggage screening procedures; and List of prohibited items (led by Chile, phase 2)

f) Aviation security management system (led by Colombia)

g) Development of quality control protocols (led by Brazil)

h) Security of air traffic services (led by Chile)

i) Civil aviation cyber-security (led by Jamaica)

j) In-transit cargo inspection procedure (led mainly by Nicaragua and Chile)

k) Machine-readable travel document (led by Bolivia)

l) Best facilitation practices (led by Chile)

m) Facilitation training material (led by Mexico)

n) List of objects restricted by authorities other than aviation security authorities (led by Cuba)

o) Procedures for the implementation of a "One Stop Security" (OSS) system (led by Panama)

p) Strategic Plan of the AVSEC/FAL/RG (led by Argentina)

3.   Suggested action

3.1   In order to assist the States of the Region to standardise procedures, exchange experiences, achieve best practices to improve aviation security systems, and achieve best facilitation practices, Civil Aviation Directors gathered here are urged to:

a) support their experts in their tasks and promote standardisation of the Passenger and Hand Luggage Screening Procedures Project, which is in phase 2;

b) adopt the List of Prohibited Items on the basis of a risk assessment conducted by each State in order to have a common criterion applicable to passengers, luggage and air cargo in the Region, and contribute with their experiences to improve and update the developed procedures;

c) support their experts so that they may attend ICAO/LACAC AVSEC/FAL/RG meetings and continue applying their experience to the tasks performed by the working groups; and

d) participate through their experts in the meetings of the specific working groups, thus helping to improve the levels of compliance with Annex 17 and Annex 9 in their States and throughout the Region, thus contributing to a faster, more agile and safe flow through the airports of the Region.

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