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CLOSING REMARKS OF THE 2017 ICAO AVIATION SECURITY SYMPOSIUM (AVSEC2017)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This information paper presents the closing remarks presented during the 2017 ICAO Aviation Security Symposium (AVSEC2017), held at ICAO HQ, Montreal, Canada, 14 September 2017.

*Strategic
Objectives:*

- Security & Facilitation

1. Introduction

1.1 This information paper presents the closing remarks presented during the 2017 ICAO Aviation Security Symposium (AVSEC2017), held at ICAO HQ, Montreal, Canada, 14 September 2017.

1.2 The priority outcomes were focussed on the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) as referred in the Appendix.

1.3 The plenary was requested to ensure the participation of their AVSEC representatives in the next AVSEC2018, to be held in the second semester of 2018.

APPENDIX



**Closing Address by the
President of the ICAO Council,
Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu
to the 2017 ICAO Aviation Security Symposium
(AVSEC2017)**

(ICAO HQ Montréal, 14 September 2017)

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.

It is my great pleasure to help close this very successful AVSEC2017 event, and to summarize with you some of the key outcomes and takeaways from your work. These outcomes will now be guiding our future efforts toward threat and risk mitigation in global aviation, as well as to address international terrorism and other forms of trans-border crime.

This event began with a series of workshops and table-top exercises on topics ranging from a long-standing aviation concern, airport landside security, to our latest challenges with cybersecurity.

Later you benefitted from informative discussions on security culture, risk, new technologies and procedures, and lastly aviation security oversight, and assistance. All facets of the aviation network were represented by the experts we heard from, whether on stage or from the audience.

One of the more important takeaways resulting from these workshops, Sky Talks, plenaries, and other activities, has been that our eyes have been opened to new possibilities in line with how we can now pursue our security objectives in innovative and exciting ways.

It's also no coincidence that the topics we have covered here align so closely with the priority outcomes of the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP). Many complex issues which we have grappled with for years were very helpfully explored here this week, and by including so many stakeholders and partners in these discussions we have established the foundations for long-term cooperation toward solving them.

Both the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) and UN Security Council Resolution 2309 (2016) prod us to action, and at the same time ensure that we spare no effort as we pursue and implement the necessary changes. Despite every new threat report and innovation by those who would do us harm, I am confident that the resources we gathered this week and the courses of action agreed to have prepared us to respond efficiently and effectively.

ICAO's thanks go out to all who contributed to this Symposium – from the sponsors and exhibitors, to the speakers, to the many of you both within and beyond ICAO who have been involved in the months of preparation. But ultimately it was the passion and thirst for information on behalf of all attendees which brought so much value to each session and interaction. The formal discussions in this room, the conversations at the Exhibition, and the informal exchanges on the margins have all contributed to the success of AVSEC 2017.

As we close this inaugural Global Aviation Security Symposium, ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to recognize it for the great success which you have helped it to become.

It is also my honour to recognize the important contributions on behalf of Airports Council International, which has been such a helpful and valued partner in this endeavour. As early as next week we will begin the preparations for AVSEC 2018, when we'll be looking forward to you joining us here again.

Thank you.