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Agenda Item 2: Previous Meeting Conclusions

**ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR AND SAM AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION
REGIONAL GROUP (AVSEC/FAL/RG) ACTIVITIES**

(Presented by Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This working paper presents information on the progress of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR and SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG) projects.	
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggested action is presented in Section 4.
Strategic Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Security & Facilitation
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invitation – Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG) – Coordination Meeting to prepare the “Identification of persons with Suspicious Behaviour” Workshop, Lima, Peru, 2 - 3 October 2017, and Seventh Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR and SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/7), Lima, Peru, 4 - 6 October 2017. State Letter SAM SA153, 12 May 2017, and NACC66639, 22 May 2017• Final Report of the Sixth Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR and SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/6), held in Mexico City, Mexico, 8 - 10 June 2016, and State Letter SAM 403, dated 25 August 2016, and NACC62180, dated 15 August 2016.

1. Introduction

1.1 The AVSEC/FAL/RG/6 meeting was held at the premises of the ICAO NACC Regional Office in Mexico City, Mexico, from 8 to 10 June 2016. This event was attended by 19 States/Territories from the NAM/CAR/SAM Regions and five International Organizations, totalling 49 delegates as indicated in the list of participants. (ECCAA, IATA, and ROCKWELL COLLINS - ARINC).

1.2 The Meeting analysed the work programme and, based on the progress and results of the implementation of the projects, as well as on its deliberations and agreements, the Terms of Reference, Programme and Working Projects were updated. The Meeting agreed that Working Group on the Strategic Plan headed by Argentina continue working following the methodology previously developed with the objective to achieve the efficiency and effectiveness of the projects agreed. The Secretariat reminded the member States the importance of their active participation and requesting their commitment with planned AVSEC/FAL/RG activities to achieve the group objectives and to their own benefit within their national systems.

1.3 Honouring the agreement of the AVSEC/FAL/RG/5, the draft report was reviewed and approved by the plenary. The Meeting accepted and approved nine conclusions that are presented in the Appendix to this working paper. The final report was disseminated by the joint Secretariat of ICAO NACC and SAM Regional Offices, and the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) with the State Letter SAM 403, dated 25 August 2016, and NACC62180, dated 15 August 2016, respectively.

1.4 The meeting was preceded by the Second Meetings of the Working Group on the Strategic Plan (2/SPWG), held in Mexico City, Mexico, 6 - 7 June 2016 regarding the AVSEC/FAL/RG Strategic Plan, headed by Argentina, that presented the results in the WP16 and reminded the Meeting that the goals of the Strategic Plan are divided in the projection, execution and assessment of the tasks that the Regional Groups approves in its annual meetings.

2. Progress of the Conclusions of the AVSEC/FAL/RG/6 Meeting

2.1 With respect to Conclusion - 6/1 *State replies to the request for comments on Amendment 15 to ICAO Annex 17*, it is worth noting that the response from the States to the comments requested by ICAO, takes too long to be received, or definitively, they are not received, causing the feeling that they agree with new provisions that are being adopted. Therefore, it will be necessary to remind the importance of the response of the States, and at the same time to take the appropriate provisions, when the matter involves new ICAO standards and recommended practices on aviation security and/or facilitation.

2.2 Regarding Conclusion 6/9 - *ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP)*, the Secretary General sent the State letter AS8/1.10-17/84 dated 11 July 2017, with the proposed Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) requesting to send Comments to reach Montréal by 18 August 2017. Unfortunately, very few States responded to this request, therefore, States that have not responded yet, are encouraged to review the content of the GASeP, which will become the future roadmap at global level to harmonize activities and at the same time to keep the premise of protect the civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference.

2.3 The abovementioned, reminds what was expressed in Conclusion 5/8 of the past AVSEC/FAL/RG/5 - *Response by States to ICAO State Letters*, where the Meeting agreed that representatives of AVSEC and FAL will elevate this conclusion to their respective authorities, to response in a timely manner and permanent way all ICAO State Letters related with aviation security and facilitation issues. Hence, representatives of the States are encouraged to achieve an effective response by their States to ICAO requests.

2.4 Additionally, with regards to Conclusion 5/6 of the past AVSEC/FAL/RG/5 - *Facilitation training material*, the ICAO Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC), Centro Internacional de Instrucción de Aeropuertos y Servicios Auxiliares “Ing. Roberto Kobeh González” (CIIASA), in Mexico City, Mexico, the Technical Coordinator informed that the Instructor’s Guide and the Reference Material for Participants have been developed and completed in a Workshop style, and invites to the Meeting consider dates in the first trimester of 2018 to conduct this workshop to interested States on this training.

2.5 The Coordinator of each Project will present to the plenary of the AVSEC/FAL/RG/7 the results achieved according with the Conclusion of the Sixth AVSEC/FAL/RG Meetings.

3. Conclusion

3.1 Civil Aviation Authorities are urged to address appropriately all ICAO requests and matters related with aviation security and facilitation. In addition, as agreed in different Director General Meetings, the Civil Aviation Authorities are urged to support the participation of their AVSEC and FAL units of their States in the AVSEC/FAL/RG activities to take advantage from the successful results obtained in the different projects and developed guidance material by the AVSEC/FAL/RG activities, which will result in the improvement of their own national aviation security and facilitation systems, as well as in the region.

4. Suggested actions

4.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) urge the appropriate authorities of Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL) of the NAM/CAR and SAM Regions to support their AVSEC and FAL Units/representative for an active and committed participation in the AVSEC/FAL/RG activities for the benefit of their own States and of the region; and
- b) urge once again to the States of the NAM/CAR and SAM Regions to respond the ICAO AVSEC and FAL requests in an effective and timely manner.

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APPENDIX A

VALID CONCLUSIONS OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION REGIONAL GROUP (AVSEC/FAL/RG/6)

Conclusion 6/1 State replies to the request for comments on Amendment 15 to ICAO Annex 17

That Civil Aviation Authorities of AVSEC/FAL/RG member States adopt the required measures to reply in a timely manner ICAO State Letters Ref.: AS 8/2.1-16/58, dated 8 June 2016, on Amendment 15 to Annex 17 – *Security*, Ref. EC 6/8 - 16/48, dated 3 June 2016, on the nomination of experts to the Technical Advisory Group on the ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TAG/TRIP).

Conclusion 6/2 CLAC Issues

That:

- a) the Projects agreed by the Regional Group be raised to be promulgated as resolutions or Recommendations in the XXII LACAC Ordinary Assembly;
- b) the States of the AVSEC/FAL/RG send to the LACAC Secretariat the working papers and/or information papers, as well as positions and actions that wish to submit to the ICAO 39th Session of the Assembly, to receive the support of other States, suggesting the presentation of a regional position. The established deadline is 4 July 2016;
- c) henceforth, the AVSEC/FAL/RG Chairperson and the Secretariat participate at the meetings of the LACAC Executive Committee to address queries on the work done by the Regional Group ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM, if necessary; and
- d) the Strategic Plan Working Group adopt the necessary means and synergy to align the AVSEC/FAL/RG Strategic Plan with the ICAO Strategic Plan and the LACAC Strategic Plan.

Conclusion 6/3 Passenger and carry-on baggage screening procedures – List of prohibited articles

That, in order to start the standardization of the Regional practices, AVSEC/FAL/RG States adopt, as far as possible, adopt the updated lists of prohibited articles to adapt them to their procedures and inform the AVSEC/FAL/RG/7 of any improvements on them.

Conclusion 6/4 Programme for Aviation Security Management

That:

- a) States interested in the implementation of a SeMS, work for it, share their experiences with the Regional Group, and inform the next meeting of the Regional group; and
- b) Colombia continue analysing the programme assisted by Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua and Trinidad and Tobago.

Conclusion 6/5 Civil aviation cybersecurity Programme

That in order to improve the task to be developed by the Working Group on Civil aviation cybersecurity Programme, States send their contributions on the cybernetic threats that could affect their States.

Conclusion 6/6 AVSEC/FAL/RG Activities Programme and the Regional Group Strategic Plan

That:

- a) ICAO assist the Coordinator State to organize on-line familiarization discussion/sessions with the States of the Region on the Strategic Plan of the Regional Group;
- b) a procedure to measure the scope achieved by the completed projects and the implementation degree in the States of the Region be developed;
- c) every year a strategic plan working group meeting be held prior to each AVSEC/FAL/RG Meeting with States who coordinate projects, as well as members States, in order to follow up the development of each project. This meeting should be programmed at least three to four months prior to the plenary meeting, approximately by the end of February of each year and, in case that there are no host States to convene the meeting, the ICAO NACC and SAM Regional Offices could be the alternative to hold these events.

Conclusion 6/7 Procedures for the implementation of One Stop Security System (OSS) Programme

That:

- a) the advantages of establishing an equivalence recognition system in security inspections within the States of the Region must be considered (OSS), provided that States comply with ICAO Annex 17 Standards to continue working on the OSS project.

- b) the implementation by the States of other Regional Group projects should be analysed, such as standardization of regulations and inspection procedures for passengers and their hand luggage and the list of prohibited items, which will serve to standardize security procedures in the region and facilitate a possible sustainable implementation of the OSS in the long term.

Conclusion 6/8 ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy

That NAM/CAR/SAM States support the ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy, offering host States for the Border management within the airport environment workshop, planned for end of November or early December 2016, to improve the knowledge on this sensitive matter.

Conclusion 6/9 ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP)

That States:

- a) agree that the new ICAO GASeP reflects the three fundamental concepts: the States acknowledgment of responsibilities; a solid security culture as the foundation for an aviation system; risk-based security principles, and that ICAO and its member States use their resources appropriately to assure the success of a strategic approach in aviation security; and
- b) support the GASeP development and to work with the ICAO Secretariat to ensure the framework to coincide with the risks, tendencies and evolutionary fundamental issues.
