

Joint Statement of the Regional Conference on Aviation Security in Africa

Dakar, Senegal
18 October 2011

We, the Directors General of Civil Aviation and other senior officials of 35 African States (named in the Annex), the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), observer participants, the 1st Vice-President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and representatives of the aviation industry, met in Dakar, Senegal on 17 and 18 October 2011 to consider progress toward strengthening aviation security in accordance with the Declaration on Aviation Security, adopted unanimously by the ICAO Assembly at its 37th Session in Montréal, Canada in October 2010.

We recalled our commitment to the Joint Declaration on Civil Aviation Security agreed in Abuja, Nigeria on 13 April 2010, affirming States' commitment to prevent unlawful interference against civil aviation in all its forms, with particular attention to countering terrorist threats against civil aviation, and took into consideration the action plan defined by the African Roadmap on Aviation Security and adopted as a result of the Abuja Conference, as well as the role of AFCAC in implementing this Roadmap.

We also took into consideration established mechanisms for promoting cooperation between ICAO and the African Union, AFCAC and other African bodies concerned with the development of civil aviation.

We acknowledged ICAO's leadership role in strengthening aviation security at the global and regional levels, and recalled the Abuja Declaration recommendation that States coordinate with ICAO to establish, approve and implement procedures, mechanisms and cooperative actions that strengthen their capacities to assess and counter civil aviation security threats and risks, thereby facilitating legitimate passenger and air cargo flows.

We held constructive discussions about aviation security developments affecting the continent, with particular focus on implementation, challenges and opportunities facing States, as well as prospects for greater cooperation for the purpose of enhancing security.

We stressed our commitment for implementing the nine actions set out in the ICAO Declaration on Aviation Security, having embraced this document as a comprehensive global policy framework. In particular, we recognized that the ICAO Declaration serves as a blueprint for strengthening civil aviation security through international cooperation.

We noted with satisfaction that the ICAO Declaration reflected the operative clauses of the Abuja Declaration, which underscored the need to agree on actions to strengthen security in collaboration with ICAO.

We called on ICAO, its Member States and other international agencies, manufacturers and stakeholders to provide technical assistance to African States including funding, capacity building and technology transfer to effectively address security threats to civil aviation.

We agreed on the need to improve international cooperation and information sharing, including exploring ways and means, consistent with Annex 17, to ensure the appropriate availability of Universal Security Audit Programme audit results among Member States to enable better targeting of capacity-building and technical assistance efforts.

We called on ICAO with AFCAC to review, update and as necessary further develop the African Roadmap in light of the Assembly Declaration. In this regard, we recognized the need to enhance aviation security in Africa through intensified cooperative efforts to effectively address security deficiencies and increase support for capacity building aimed at establishing robust, sustainable and effective aviation security systems and, in the first instance, for ICAO's Regional Offices to support and assist in this respect.

We urged ICAO and AFCAC to do this work in full cooperation and coordination with States, the African Union and other regional bodies.

We emphasized moreover the critical importance of air transport to the sustainable development of our States and agreed to support risk-based security measures that are appropriate and commensurate to the threat.

We concluded that we should support further action at an international level, through the auspices of ICAO, to enhance aviation security in Africa. We agreed furthermore to report on progress in implementing the Declaration on Aviation Security and this Joint Statement at the ICAO High Level Security Conference to be held in Montréal in September 2012.

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**ANNEX
Dakar Conference
State Participants and Observers**

*The following State participants endorse the
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Algeria
Burkina Faso
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea Bissau
Kenya
Madagascar
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Morocco
Namibia
Niger
Nigeria
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
South Sudan
Swaziland
Tanzania
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda
Zambia

African Organizations

African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)
African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT)
Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA)
East African Community Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA)
Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA)
Airports Council International (ACI)-Africa

Other Participants

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC)
France
United States of America
European Union

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