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**AFI COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION IN AFRICA, (AFI SECFAL PLAN)**

**7<sup>th</sup> TH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Niamey, NIGER (19 July 2018)*

**Agenda Item: 2.6. Progress report on the implementation of the Windhoek Declaration and Targets**

**(Presented by AFCAC)**

SUMMARY

This Working Paper presents the report on the current status of the implementation of the Windhoek Declaration and Targets. It should be noted that the implementation is still on going by the various

responsible Organizations, States and Agencies, which are the major players in the implementation of the Declaration and Targets.

Action Required:-

The Steering Committee is requested to take action on paragraph 4 of this Working Paper.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 It should be recalled that the Honorable Ministers responsible for Civil Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa met in Windhoek, Republic of Namibia on 7 April 2016 on the occasion of the Ministerial Conference on aviation security and facilitation in Africa jointly organized by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) under the auspices of the African Union Commission (AUC). During the meeting, the Honorable Ministers adopted the Aviation Security and Facilitation Declaration and Targets to enhance aviation security and facilitation in Africa in a sustainable manner.
- 1.2 In addition, the Honorable Ministers called on African States to provide resources and support the implementation of the ICAO AFI SECFAL Plan and requested AUC to submit for endorsement the Declaration to the next Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the AU, which was done and approved in 2017.
- 1.3 The Heads of State and Government of the African Union, among its Resolution on the adoption of the Declaration, instructed AFCAC to monitor and report status of implementation.

## 2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The Ministerial Conference held in Windhoek, Namibia from 4-7 April, 2016 recognized the importance of ICAO policies in supporting the development of air transport and economic growth thus made declarations that includes ensuring political commitment at national, regional and continental level for aviation security and facilitation among others and endorsed fifteen aviation security and facilitation targets for Africa.
- 2.2 AFCAC has been requesting States to provide updates on the status of implementation of targets due for 2017-2018 and jointly reviewed by the Secretariat of ICAO and Steering Committee of the AFI-SECFAL assisted by the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group on Regular basis.
- 2.3 It should be recalled that the DGCA6 meeting of 02-04 November 2016, held in Brazzaville, Congo under Agenda 5 on aviation security and facilitation, resolved and adopted the following priority actions in order to expedite implementation of the Targets thus member States EI reach the Global average:
- States to develop national action plans for the implementation of the Windhoek security and facilitation targets;
  - States to improve their EI;
  - States to resolve all existing SSeCs;
  - States to implement TRIP strategy; and
  - States to ratify relevant aviation security international legal instruments.
- 2.4 A follow-up meeting was held by the Champion on AVSEC and AFI Directors General of Civil Aviation at Durban, South Africa, 4-6 June 2018, the report on which will be presented in this meeting.
- 2.5 The implementation status of the Declaration and Targets, challenges encountered and recommendations on the way forward are attached to this Working Paper.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The Regional approach to aviation security and facilitation as manifested since the establishment of the ICAO AFI SECFAL Plan and adoption of the Windhoek Declaration should be encouraged.

### **4. ACTION BY THE MEETING:**

4.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the content of the Working Paper;
- b) request each State to continue to provide an update on actions taken, to meet the objectives of the Windhoek Declaration and Targets, for optimization of the team of experts of the RASFALG-AFI in the expeditious implementation of Activities for the Windhoek Targets;
- c) request ICAO to assist States in the development of State-specific National Action Plans, for effective implementation of regional and global targets on Aviation Security and Facilitation; and
- d) encourage reinforcement of collaboration between AFCAC and ICAO, including joint planning of assistance missions, pooling and optimizing of resources and capacity building to member States.