



**Closing remarks by the Secretary General
of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO),
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ICAO Security Culture Webinar**

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1. It is my great pleasure to conclude this ICAO Security Culture Webinar.
2. Despite the ongoing challenges that our sector faces, we have seen today how the ICAO 2021 *Year of Security Culture* was still such a remarkable global success.
3. This outcome owes everything to your own commitments and efforts, and ICAO is deeply grateful for your support.
4. **A first key priority** for us going forward is to assure that this initiative aligns not only with ICAO's Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP), and the related resolutions and decisions States have endorsed through the ICAO Assembly, but also with recent UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism resolutions.
5. ICAO has been pleased to support and promote your excellent security culture initiatives and achievements in 2021.
6. This includes the training, awareness events, and security culture tools which have resulted, and which will be augmented still further later this year when ICAO rolls out the interactive security culture e-learning and video resources which have been realized through contributions from the United Kingdom and the United States.
7. Much more work on security culture remains ahead of us, **and as a second key priority**, I would encourage you to continue to be proactive in taking further concrete actions to enhance security compliance at airports, and to deter, detect and prevent acts of unlawful interference

8. This proactive posture is crucial, given that the threats facing international civil aviation continue to evolve, and that our people are our first and very best defence when it comes to acting in a security conscious manner and promoting effective security behaviours.
9. **This brings me to our third key priority**, to assure that effective security culture continues to rely on the competence, motivation and support of personnel from all across our organizations, in line with the awareness we have now raised that “*security is everyone’s responsibility*”.
10. I wish to conclude today by expressing ICAO’s heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the webinar, and especially our distinguished speakers, and to appreciate their support and solidarity for ICAO and its global security objectives.
11. I also wish to underscore the tremendous collaboration ICAO has received from the entire aviation community on promoting the Year of Security Culture, and lastly to express heartfelt thanks to the ICAO team behind the scenes which has made this latest engagement possible.
12. The development of any culture is a continuous, dynamic, process and a robust Security Culture in aviation is no exception.
13. We’ve accomplished much together over the last year, but keeping the security momentum alive and effective will remain a constant and solemn responsibility for all aviation staff and professionals going forward.
14. Thank you all again for your commitment to this initiative, and for the excellent progress you have already achieved.