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**AGENDA ITEM 5: AVIATION SECURITY AND
FACILITATION**

**PRESENTATION: GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES
ON THREATS AND RISKS TO CIVIL AVIATION**

(Presented by the United States)

SUMMARY

This discussion paper accompanies a presentation that provides global and regional perspectives on the threats and risks to civil aviation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 A safe and secure aviation ecosystem depends on understanding and addressing threats and risks. This discussion paper accompanies a presentation that offers a global and regional overview of civil aviation challenges, highlighting the significance of the Asia and Pacific (APAC) Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) meeting as a collaborative forum to advance regional security.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Aviation Security Panel of Experts (AVSECP) Working Group on Threat and Risk (WGTR) assesses the global threat and risk context based on the information available to its members and using the approved methodology published in the ICAO *Global Aviation Security Risk Context Statement* (RCS) (Doc 10108 – Restricted). The WGTR produces an annual report to the AVSECP on the year's threat and risk trends, setting the tone for the remainder of the Panel's discussion. Highlights of that work will be presented to the APAC DGCA Meeting.

2.2 The United States uses available information provided by ICAO, as well as other public sources to assess the threats and risks to the Homeland and regionally, according to its approved methodology. Assessment highlights will be presented to the APAC DGCA Meeting.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 The presentation provides information on global evolving and continuing threats. A focus on threats and risks to civil aviation in the Asia-Pacific region with pertinent information about threat actors, aviation incidents, and cyber threats, the presentation encourages the APAC DGCA to remain vigilant of the dynamic threat environment and collaboratively seek solutions to the challenges to mitigation efforts.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Civil aviation continues to be an attractive target to those who seek to harm or cause damage for nefarious purposes. It is imperative that APAC civil aviation authority leadership, staff, and international organizations stay aware of both global and regional threats and risks to inform or compliment Member State's risk assessment process.

5. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

5.1 The Conference is invited to:

- a) encourage APAC Member States to review the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel of Experts (AVSECP/37) Working Paper 8: "Updated Overview of Threats and Risks to Civil Aviation," an annual product of the Aviation Security Panel of Experts Working Group on Threat and Risks (WGTR);
- b) encourage APAC Member States to review ICAO *Addendum to the 3rd Edition of the RCS* (Restricted) for more detailed information on the WGTR's threat assessment and risk trends; and
- c) consider the information presented in the context of one's own State risk assessment process for civil aviation operations.

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