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Outcome of the High Level Ministerial Conference on Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa held in Windhoek, Namibia, in April 2016



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INTRODUCTION

- The Ministerial Conference on aviation security and facilitation in Africa jointly organized by the Republic of Namibia, the African Union Commission, the African Civil Aviation Commission and the International Civil Aviation Organization was held from 4 to 7 April 2016 in Windhoek, Republic of Namibia, under the theme: *"Unbroken, African Commitment and Collaboration for a Global sustainable Aviation Security System and Passenger and Trade Facilitation"*.

- The Conference was attended by Ministers responsible for aviation security and facilitation and Experts from thirty eight (38) African Union Member States as well as representatives of African and International organizations, specialised institutions, development partners and other stakeholders.



- The Conference was organised as a contribution to the implementation of the African Civil Aviation Policy and the roadmap on the full implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision towards the establishment of a single African air transport market under the AU Agenda 2063, pursuant to the Twenty Fourth Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly of Heads of State and Government Decisions -Assembly/AU/Decl.1 (XXIV).



- The conference was organised with the logistical support of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), a specialised agency of the AU, and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), in collaboration with the Government of the Republic of Namibia under the auspices of the AUC.

- Hence, its outcome is supported and championed by the Republic of Namibia and it should be submitted for consideration and decision by the AU decision-making organs.



The proceedings of the conference were presided over by the following elected Bureau:

- **Chairman:** **Namibia**
- **Vice-Chairman:** **Burkina Faso**
- **Rapporteur:** **Uganda**



Issued Discussed

- The Ministers noted the concern of African aviation stakeholders that Africa was facing challenges in the implementation of ICAO standards and recommended practices and other requirements related to aviation security and facilitation. To address the situation, they considered various key issues and challenges currently facing the African continent in matters of aviation security and facilitation.



The main agenda items of the conference were as follows hereunder:

- Overview of Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa;
- Comprehensive Regional implementation plan for aviation security and facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan);
- ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy;
- Advanced Passenger Information (API); and
- Perspective of Partners and Stakeholders on aviation security and Facilitation in Africa.



Outcome

At the end of their deliberations, the Ministers adopted the following outcomes:

- Aviation Security and Facilitation Targets for Africa;
- Windhoek Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa;
- Submission of the outcomes of the Ministerial Meeting on Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa to the July 2016 AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government for consideration and decision.



ACTION

The Steering Committee is invited to:

- Note the information contained in this paper;
- Adopt the Report of the joint Namibia/AUC/AFCAC/ICAO Ministerial Conference on aviation security and facilitation in Africa;
- Endorse main outcomes as adopted by the Ministers responsible for aviation security and facilitation in Africa at the Conference;
- Provide further instructions and guidance for the continued implementation of the outcomes of the Ministerial Conference on aviation security and facilitation



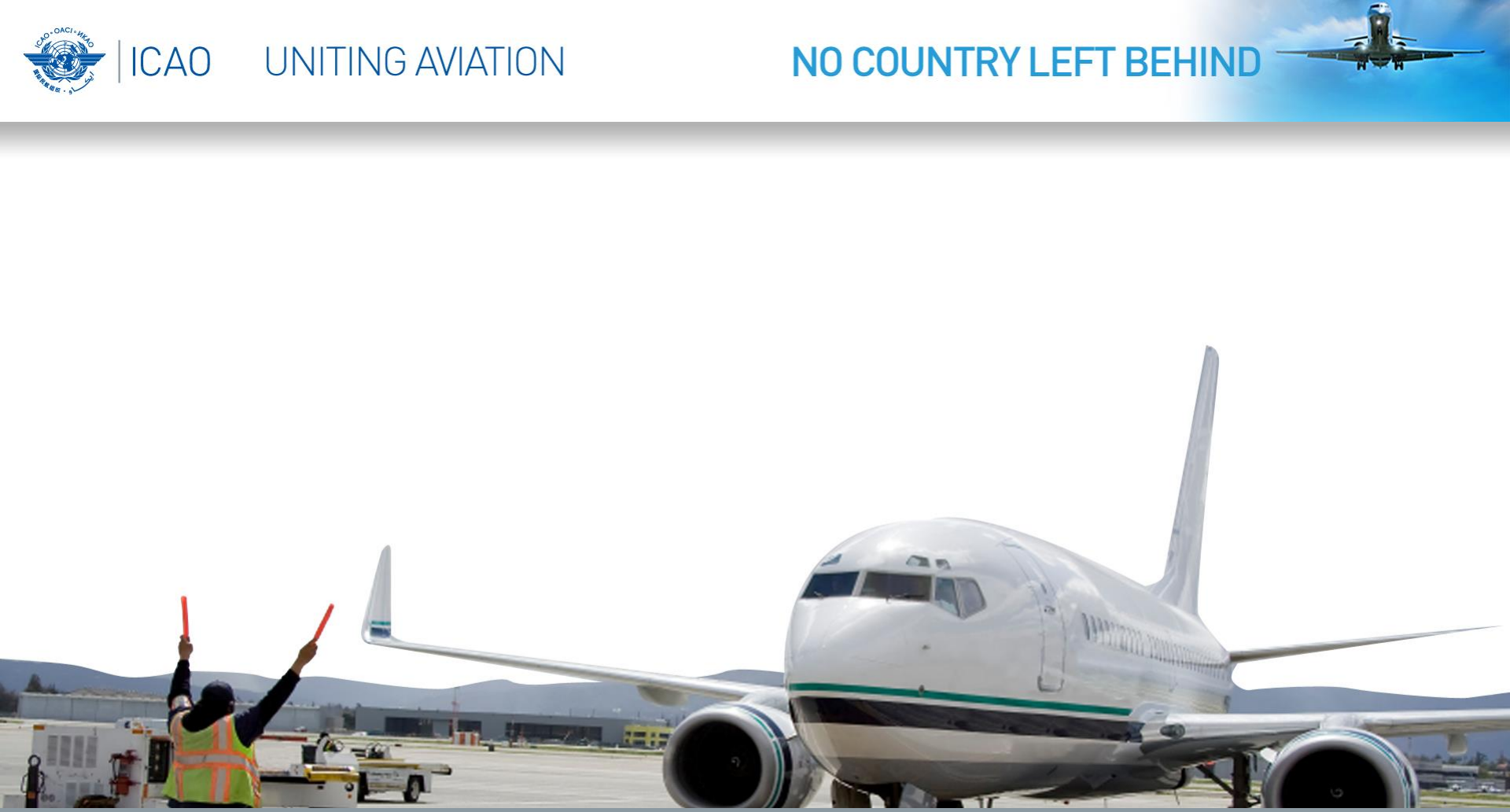
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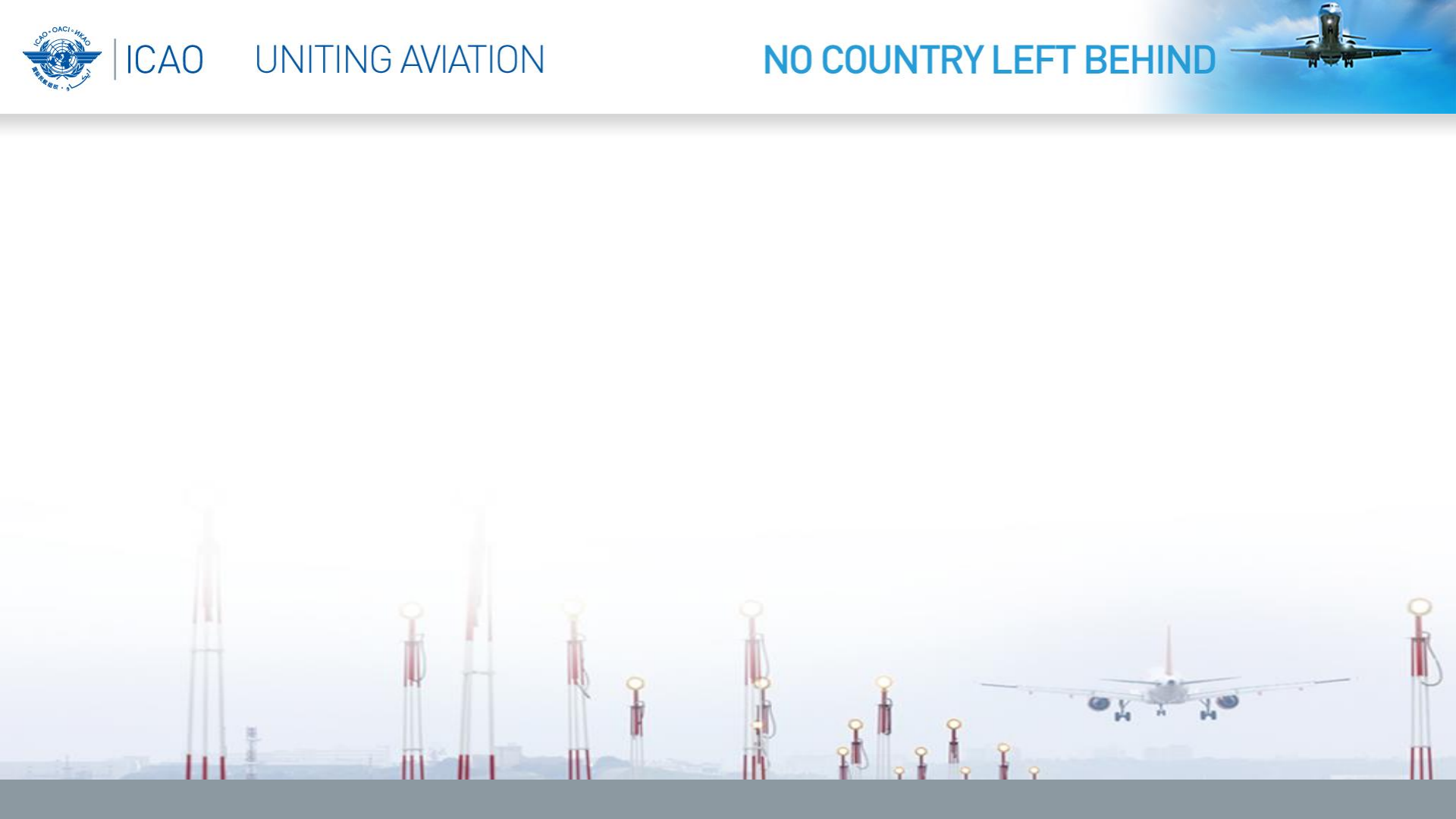


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