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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA ITEM 18

(Presented by the Chairman of the Executive Committee)

The attached report on Agenda Item 18 has been approved by the Executive Committee.

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Agenda Item 18: Implementation Support and Development – Security (ISD-SEC)

18.1 At its fifth and sixth meetings, the Executive Committee considered the subject of Implementation Support and Development – Security. WP/21, presented by the Council provides a progress report on the implementation of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan) since its inception in May 2015. It concludes by proposing continued support to the AFI SECFAL Plan, urging States to make financial, in-kind and /or other contributions to support its implementation.

18.2 WP/28 was considered under Agenda Item 20, and therefore was not revisited under Agenda Item 18.

18.3 Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation, in WP/258, proposed that the ICAO European and North Atlantic Regional Office be strengthened in the area of aviation security and facilitation by including an additional staff position funded by the Regular Programme Budget while preserving the aviation security position funded by voluntary contributions. This latter position would be converted in the subsequent triennium to a position funded by the ICAO Regular Budget.

18.4 The Council, in WP/351, informed the Assembly of the adoption of the Riyadh Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation in the Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) and the ICAO Middle East (MID) Regions, and requested that appropriate action be taken to implement its provisions.

18.5 Singapore, in WP/185, proposed, on behalf of 28 Member States and three International Organizations, that ICAO develop and deliver an air cargo security best practices workshop to provide opportunities for personnel who are actively involved in air cargo and air cargo security work to learn from best practices in air cargo security that are being implemented by regulators and industry from across the world.

18.6 AFCAC, in WP/164, presented, on behalf of its 54 Member States, the progress made in the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan since its inception. It invited the Assembly to urge ICAO to continue providing its leadership and support to the AFI SECFAL Plan; to collaborate with AFCAC to enhance capacity of African Experts in the African Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFALG-AFI); and to encourage other ICAO regions to emulate the AFI SECFAL Plan approach. It also requested that high-level ICAO missions to States with low progress in implementing ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices be conducted, in coordination with AFCAC.

18.7 In an information paper (WP/446), the Dominican Republic summarized the progress they have made in the field of aviation security and their contribution to the global civil aviation security system. They further reaffirmed their intention to continue to cooperate with, and support ICAO, in its No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative.

18.8 The Committee was informed that WP/105 would be considered under Agenda Item 28.

18.9 The Executive Committee commended the progress made in the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan. In particular, stressing the importance of having coordination mechanisms in place, it

noted the relevance of the set of targets established for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa, the creation of a pool of experts, and the efforts made to raise political commitment. The Executive Committee endorsed all of the actions of WP/21 and WP/164, including the Draft Assembly Resolution on AFI SECFAL Plan, urging Member States of the AFI Region to commit to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the AFI SECFAL Plan. It further noted the need for the international community to support the Plan and work with ICAO and AFCAC for its implementation.

18.10 In reference to the joint proposal made by Kazakhstan and Russian Federation to consider increasing the staffing level at the ICAO EUR/NAT Office, including the source of funding, the Committee observed that the allocation and management of Secretariat resources is the prerogative of the Secretary General.

18.11 The Committee welcomed the adoption of the Riyadh Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation and called upon States in the ACAC and ICAO MID Regions to implement the Declaration. It further requested ICAO to support the implementation of the Declaration through the establishment of a SECFAL Plan for the ACAC and ICAO MID Regions, based on the experience of the AFI SECFAL Plan.

18.12 The Committee supported Singapore's proposal for the development of an ICAO Air Cargo Security Best Practices workshop. The Secretariat expressed appreciation for the workshop outline presented and noted that human competency development is a high priority in air cargo security.

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