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**PROPOSAL FOR MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ICAO GLOBAL AVIATION SECURITY PLAN (GASeP)**

(Presented by Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional Conference on Aviation Security for the Americas and the Caribbean, held in Panama City (2018), drew up a regional road map for the North American, Central American and the Caribbean, and South American (NACC and SAM) Regions to address challenges in the implementation of the ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP). Accordingly, the Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG), composed of the Member States of the NACC and SAM Regions, is developing a regional assessment system to determine the level of GASeP implementation comprising: (a) a template designed to enable States to upload their National Action Plans (NAPs) for GASeP implementation; (b) model checklists on the level of GASeP implementation; (c) an application to enable States to upload progress reports on GASeP implementation (progress reported to the Regional Offices); and (d) formulation of cooperation strategies for States and industry in support of States that need capacity-building assistance in order to meet GASeP objectives.

Action: The Assembly is invited to:

- a) Take into account regional experience (NACC/SAM) of ways and means of tackling challenges to the implementation of GASeP, and
- b) Consider the establishment worldwide of mechanisms that provide tools to assist States in designing self-evaluation and needs identification processes to improve GASeP implementation, which is monitored by ICAO Regional Offices, and support for States in implementing ICAO's GASeP objectives and Annex 17 – *Security*.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objective – <i>Security and Facilitation</i>
<i>Financial implications:</i>	It is proposed that the activities mentioned in this paper be carried out with resources available in the Regular Programme Budget of the current triennium and/or extra-budgetary contributions.
<i>References:</i>	Doc 10118, <i>Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP)</i> United Nations Security Council resolution 2309 – Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts: Aviation security.

¹ Spanish version provided by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

INTRODUCTION

1.1 In September 2016, at its 39th session, the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) agreed to expedite the development of the GASeP as a policy and framework for future aviation security programmes.

1.2 The GASeP provides the foundation for States, industry, stakeholders and ICAO to work together with the common goals of enhancing aviation security worldwide and achieving five key priority outcomes, namely (a) enhance risk awareness and response, (b) develop security culture and human capability, (c) improve technological resources and innovation, (d) improve oversight and quality assurance, and (e) increase cooperation and support.

1.3 The Plan calls for the adoption of global, regional and national measures, including by industry and all other stakeholders, in order to raise the level of implementation of Annex 17 – *Security*; it also calls for intensified efforts to enable ICAO to enhance its capacity to support States in this regard.

2. ANALYSIS

2.1 At the Regional Conference on Aviation Security for the Americas and the Caribbean, held in Panama City, Panama, from 24 to 27 June 2018, delegates supported the aviation security roadmap for NACC and SAM in order to address common challenges by implementing the ICAO GASeP in these regions.

2.2 Furthermore, the Regional Conference on Aviation Security for the Americas and the Caribbean agreed to develop a coordinated auditing and peer review system by drawing up and implementing national and regional remedial plans to correct identified shortcomings and vulnerabilities, and by improving training and guidance on quality assurance in States in the NACC and SAM Regions, and other stakeholders.

2.3 Accordingly, the AVSEC/FAL/RG, composed of representatives of the Member States of the NACC and SAM Regions, established a working group to analyse a regional assessment system to determine the level of implementation of GASeP and the regional roadmap. At the ninth AVSEC/FAL/RG meeting (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from 27 to 29 March 2019), a draft four-phase work programme was presented, with scheduled end dates for the first two phases, as set out below:

- a) **Phase I** – A template for use by States in uploading their National Action Plan (NAP) for GASeP implementation for onward transmission to ICAO Regional Offices (NACC and SAM), for monitoring and control purposes; and
- b) **Phase II** – The model checklist for use in assessing the GASeP implementation level.

2.4 Further work is planned under two future phases, namely:

- a) **Phase III** – Development of an application for use by States in uploading reports on progress achieved under the GASeP regional roadmap, drawing on their NAPs and the model checklists mentioned under Phase II; and
- b) **Phase IV** – Implementation of mechanisms for cooperation by States and industry, coordinated by the NACC and SAM Regional Offices, in support of States that require assistance in implementing ICAO's GASeP objectives and Annex 17 – *Security*.

2.5 GASeP is therefore designed to increase the commitment of ICAO, States, industry and stakeholders to strengthening global aviation security. If all stakeholders fulfil the responsibilities set out in the roadmap, maintain the security level and protect civil aviation operations, they will avoid sustaining human, economic financial and any other loss. The strengthening of the global aviation system will provide an environment conducive to growth and economic development worldwide, to the benefit of all States.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 In view of the agreement adopted at the Regional Conference on Aviation Security for the Americas and the Caribbean, the development experience of AVSEC/FAL/RG and the overarching principles that support the GASeP objectives, namely effective implementation, uniformly applied measures, solid quality control and aviation security oversight, and stronger cooperation and information sharing between States and stakeholders, it is important to establish mechanisms worldwide that provide tools to assist Member States in:

- a) designing and implementing self-evaluation processes (checklists or similar instruments), with the option of assistance by specialists or professional counterparts in identifying needs for improved GASeP implementation;
- b) enabling ICAO Regional Offices to monitor the implementation of activities established by States themselves in the National Action Plans (NAPs) for GASeP implementation; and
- c) ensuring that, in accordance with the findings of the internal review or monitoring by ICAO Regional Offices, support is provided to States that require capacity-building assistance in order to meet GASeP objectives and comply with the provisions of ICAO's Annex 17 – *Security*.

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