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**PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL PLANS FOR GASEP
IMPLEMENTATION AND THE SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES**

(Presented by the People's Republic of China)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the Resolution of the 39th Session of the Assembly, ICAO developed the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) and many regions developed road maps. However, given the insufficient experience sharing regarding national aviation security plans, a national aviation security plan template is yet to be published. Considering the contradiction between the increasing requirements for aviation security capacity building due to rising security risks and emerging threats and the budget reduction in the Secretariat, member states should enhance cooperation, make proactive contributions and take more pragmatic actions.

Action: The Assembly is invited to:

- a) encourage member states to collaborate with the Secretariat in updating expeditiously the GASeP and regional road maps;
- b) encourage member states to develop and update their national aviation security plan in a more proactive and timely manner under the guidance of GASeP and regional road maps;
- c) encourage member states to cooperate with the Secretariat in undertaking more best practices sharing activities regarding the development and implementation of GASeP, regional road maps and national aviation security plans; and
- d) encourage member states to cooperate with the Secretariat in developing and publishing, on the basis of sharing the best practices on national aviation security plans, multiple types of national aviation security plan templates tailored for different national situations for member states' reference.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to <i>Security and Facilitation</i> Strategic Objective.
<i>Financial implications:</i>	The activities referred to in this paper will be undertaken subject to the resources available in the 2020 - 2022 Regular Programme Budget and/or from extra-budgetary contributions.
<i>References:</i>	Doc 10118, <i>Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP)</i> Annex 17 — <i>Security</i>

¹ English and Chinese versions provided by the People's Republic of China.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In accordance with the Resolution of the 39th Session of ICAO Assembly in 2016, ICAO developed Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) as the framework of aviation security policies and programmes, which was published in Doc 10118 in 2017.

1.2 Regional road maps were developed individually or jointly in the Asia Pacific region, North America, Central America and the Caribbean region, and South America.

1.3 Due to the lack of understanding and confidentiality concerns, member states have shown lukewarm enthusiasm to publish or share their experience in GASeP implementation.

1.4 Until now, no national action plan has been developed or published at national level to implement fully Resolution 2309 and GASeP.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Since 2016, there has been no signs of reduction in global aviation security risks; in the meantime, cybersecurity, unmanned aircraft and other new security threats have become a pressing issue, requiring countries, regions and global community to enhance aviation security-related capacity building, and strengthen cooperation and information sharing.

2.2 It is highly likely that this Assembly will reach a Resolution on cutting ICAO budget, thus having a highly probable impact on the number of Secretariat staff and the amount of activities under the Regular Programme Budget.

2.3 The upcoming three years will see an increasing contradiction between the additional requirements for aviation security-related capacity building due to rising aviation security risks and emerging threats and the weakening capabilities and decreasing activities of the Secretariat due to the budget cut.

2.4 In recent years, national leaders and the whole civil aviation community in China have put enormous focus on aviation security-related work. On one hand China has been strengthening cooperation with ICAO Headquarter and regional offices, and partner states, and on the other hand China has been continuously increasing its investment in the field of aviation security by encouraging technological innovation, promoting security culture and conducting safety capacity building, achieving results recognized by the international aviation community. At present, China is developing its own implementation plan under the guidance of GASeP and regional road map.

2.5 Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) will, based on in-depth research and extensive solicitation of industry opinions, develop, publish and implement China's own version of GASeP implementation plan, called *China's Action Plan for High-quality Aviation Security Development*, which, as an upgrade to the original aviation security development plan, will fully implement the requirements of Resolution 2309, GASeP and regional road map. The Action Plan should include both the current aviation security priorities and a longer-term aviation security strategy, covering aviation security not only between countries, but also between government departments, between governments and enterprises, between enterprises, and between associations and enterprises.

2.6 *China's Action Plan for High-quality Aviation Security Development* will fully implement the 5 GASeP priorities, to be implemented by various entities, including government regulators, enterprises, industry associations and research institutions. Implementation road maps tailored for these entities will

also be developed for optimal implementation. Meanwhile, in the course of implementation, it will be necessary to sum up the experience achieved in the implementation of the 5 priorities, namely Risk, Security Culture, Technology and Innovation, Quality Assurance and Cooperation, and share with ICAO and other member states on technical standards, best practices and experience, so as to contribute to GAsEP implementation in ICAO and globally.

2.7 China stands ready to work together with member states with similar minds, in an effort to make active contributions and share experience, strengthen bilateral, regional and global cooperation, and take more pragmatic actions, through ICAO Secretariat and other platforms.

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