



Agenda Item 6: Aviation Security (AVSEC) Matters
6.2 AVSEC Training

THE ICAO AVSEC TRAINING PROGRAMME

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents information on aviation security (AVSEC) activities of the ICAO Implementation Support and Development (ISD-Security) Section and the Aviation Security and Facilitation Policy Section (SFP) of the Air Transport Bureau in coordination with the AVSEC Regional Officer regarding AVSEC training activities sponsored by ICAO.	
References: • NACC/DCA/3 Meeting Report • Annex 17 – Security • Annex 9 – Facilitation • Machine Readable Travel Documents (Doc 9303, Part I) • Security Manual for Safeguarding Civil Aviation against Acts of Unlawful Interference (Doc 8973) • Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) • The Establishment and Management of a State’s Aviation Security Oversight System, Part C of Safety Oversight Manual (Doc 9734)	
Strategic Objectives	<i>This working paper is related to Strategic Objective B.</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 This working paper is presented for consideration and action by the Meeting in support of the implementation of ICAO Strategic Objective B – *Enhance global civil aviation security*. It stresses State participation in training activities sponsored by ICAO to assist States to comply with the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of Annex 17.

2. Discussion

2.1 In order to assist States with the resolution of findings as a result of the Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) audits, ICAO has been conducting several workshops and courses since 2006 as part of the ICAO Security Regular Training Programme and the ICAO/Transport Canada Security Awareness Training Programme – Phase II. Both training programmes are coordinated by the Implementation and Support Development Section (Security) and implemented by the ICAO NACC Regional Office.

2.2 ICAO AVSEC courses continue with the regular training programme based on the Standard Aviation Security Training Packages (ASTPs) through the Regional Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTC). The courses scheduled for 2009 included: National Inspectors Course, National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme (NCASTP), and National Quality Control Workshops.

2.3 The methodology of the Regular Training Programme has been improved, and training includes working in groups which enhances participation of attendees, and provides them with better tools, results and experience that can be adopted in their States.

2.4 To complement the Trinidad and Tobago ASTC in the CAR Region, a second ICAO ASTC in the NAM Region was opened in Arlington, Virginia, United States in May 2009, with the sponsorship of the United States Transportation Security Administration (TSA). This helped to train 26 participants from 9 different NAM/CAR States who benefited from the two English Language ASTC's that are now established for the NAM/CAR Regions during 2009.

2.5 The training programme for 2009 will close the year with a National Inspectors Course to be held at the ASTC of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago in December, and it will also continue in the next year with the inclusion of Cargo Security Programme Workshops. The **Appendix** to this working paper includes the schedule for ICAO AVSEC training activities planned for 2010.

2.6 Through the *ICAO/Transport Canada Security Awareness Training Programme – Phase II*, and thanks to several host States and States Instructors of the region, many workshops have been conducted and provided the methodology to develop:

- the National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP);
- the Airport Security Programme (ASP);
- the National Quality Control Programme (NQCP) to assist States with their aviation security (AVSEC) oversight; and
- the National Screeners Certification Programme.

2.7 Also, through the ICAO/Transport Canada Programme, four AVSEC Instructor Courses have been conducted from November 2008 to March 2009 in order to increase the number of instructors in the States of the NAM/CAR Region. 66 participants from nine different States have benefited from this training. These ICAO training activities are addressed to assist States to achieve compliance with the Annex 17 aviation security SARPs.

2.8 All these training activities were achieved thanks to certain States which contributed with the ICAO AVSEC Plan of Action furnishing qualified personnel who provided the standardized training as Short Term Experts (STE) for ICAO, and other States that hosted a venue for the training activity while ICAO paid airfares and daily subsistence allowance for the STEs. Therefore, the Meeting is reminded of States' obligations to contribute to the ICAO AVSEC Plan of Action, and to participate in the ICAO AVSEC training activities for the continuous improvement of their national and regional civil aviation security.

2.9 Furthermore, the ICAO/Transport Canada Programme Phase II has been completed. Discussions are ongoing between ICAO and Canada in relation to a possible extension of the Programme to a Phase 3, for which State endorsement is sought.

3. Other AVSEC matters not specific to training

3.1 Due to frequent changes of AVSEC and FAL points-of-contact (PoC) in some States, it is also important to remind States of the need to communicate those changes to ICAO, and in order to keep this information updated, to send it at least twice a year (January and July). By doing so, States will participate in the ICAO AVSEC/FAL Point-of-Contact (PoC) Network. States are also reminded to provide ICAO with reports on acts of unlawful interference in their States, in a timely manner.

3.2 The Meeting is reminded that the seventh edition of the *Security Manual for Safeguarding Civil Aviation Against Acts of Unlawful Interference* (Doc 8973 – Restricted) has been divided into five volumes, and four of them have already been reviewed by the ICAO Aviation Security and Facilitation Policy Section (SFP) and published in the English language. It is expected that a review of the remaining Volume IV will be finished and published by the end of 2009. The volumes of the new edition include:

- a) Volume I – National Organization and Administration (already published);
- b) Volume II – Recruitment, Selection and Training (already published);
- c) Volume III – Airport Design and Administration (already published);
- d) Volume IV – Preventive Security Measures (pending publication); and
- e) Volume V – Crisis Management and Response (already published).

3.3 In addition, Part C of Doc 9734, *Safety Oversight Manual*, entitled *The Establishment and Management of a State's Aviation Security Oversight System*, has already been published, and appropriate State authorities can use it as a tool for conducting effective security oversight within their States.

3.4 The Fifth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTD), Biometric and Security Standards was held in ICAO Headquarters Montreal, Canada from 21 to 23 September 2009. The Symposium was directed at a wide and varied audience that included Contracting States' identity and travel document issuance authorities; immigration, customs and other border inspection and law enforcement entities; as well as migration and refugee organizations. Also involved, were companies offering a wide variety of technologies that enable sound international identity and border management.

4. Conclusion

4.1 States should remember the importance of Standard 3.4.7 of Annex 17, under paragraph a), which establishes that civil aviation authorities should “ensure that the personnel carrying out security audits, tests, surveys and inspections are trained to appropriate standards for these tasks in accordance with the national civil aviation security programme.” Therefore, it is important that authorities comply with this standard.

4.2 Also, States should consider taking advantage of the training programme implemented by ICAO and ensure participation of their AVSEC States' representatives in these training events, to improve their level of aviation security based on updated knowledge and expertise shared in these events.

5. Suggested Action

5.1 The Meeting is invited to take note of the information presented in this working paper and consider adopting the following draft conclusion:

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That Eastern Caribbean States/Territories:

- a) keep the ICAO NACC Regional Office informed of their points-of-contact for Facilitation (FAL) and Aviation Security (AVSEC);
- b) ensure that AVSEC personnel from their administrations participate in the ICAO training activities;
- c) support the ICAO AVSEC Plan of Action by providing qualified personnel as instructors and/or hosting ICAO AVSEC training activities; and
- d) recognizing the benefit attained from Phase 1 and 2 of the ICAO/Transport Canada Programme, encourage ICAO and Canada to extend the Programme to a Phase 3.

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ICAO REGULAR AVSEC TRAINING PROGRAMME AT AVIATION SECURITY TRAINING CENTRES (ASTCs)

NAM/CAR/SAM REGIONS

(Sorted by date)

DECEMBER 2009 AND 2010

Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC)	Dates	Course/Workshop
Aviation Security Training Centre, Trinidad & Tobago	1-11 December 2009	National Training Programme Workshop - English
Instituto Superior Tecnológico de Aviación Civil (ISTAC) Quito, Ecuador	9 - 17 March 2010	National Training Programme Workshop – Spanish
Aviation Security Training Centre, Trinidad & Tobago	12-16 April 2010	Cargo Security Course - English
Centro de Instrucción y Perfeccionamiento (CIPE) Buenos Aires, Argentina	3-7 May 2010	Cargo Security Course - Spanish
Aviation Security Training Centre TSA, Arlington, Virginia, United States	17-25 June 2010	National Training Programme Workshop - English
Aviation Security Training Centre, Trinidad & Tobago	7-15 September 2010	National Inspectors Course - English
Instituto Superior Tecnológico de Aviación Civil (ISTAC) Quito, Ecuador	13-17 September 2010	Cargo Security Course - Spanish
Centro de Instrucción y Perfeccionamiento (CIPE) Buenos Aires, Argentina	19-27 October 2010	National Inspectors Course - Spanish
Aviation Security Training Centre TSA, Arlington, Virginia, United States	1-5 November 2010	National Aviation Security (AVSEC) Quality Control Workshop - English

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