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IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME FOR CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY (PNACSAC)

(Presented by the Dominican Republic)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Dominican Republic, through the Specialized Corps in Airport and Civil Aviation Security (CESAC), has established a Directorate responsible for reviewing and updating the security programs and procedures of aircraft operators, aircraft consignees, supply companies, and other entities providing services to civil aviation. These programs and procedures are approved by the director general of CESAC. The Directorate is also responsible for certifying personnel performing AVSEC security functions at the various international airports of the Dominican Republic. In this context, the National Accreditation and Certification Programme for Civil Aviation Security (PNACSAC) was developed, consolidating all regulations, guidelines, and requirements for carrying out these processes.

<i>Strategic Goals:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Goal <i>Every Flight is Safe and Secure</i> .
<i>Financial implications:</i>	None. No additional resources are required for the implementation of the programme.
<i>References:</i>	Annex 17 – <i>Aviation Security</i> Doc 8973 – <i>Aviation Security Manual</i>

¹ English and Spanish versions provided by the Dominican Republic.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Airports provide a wide range of services for civil aviation operations and the personnel who work within those premises. These services are delivered by various companies that must be regulated to maintain acceptable levels of civil aviation security. Accordingly, the Dominican State has developed a classification system for such companies, which are required to have a Security Programme or Procedures. These categories include aircraft operators, consignees, supply companies, private security providers, air cargo service providers, mail and courier companies, airport tenants, and airport service providers.

1.2 To certify AVSEC personnel, the specific security functions they perform to protect civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference are considered. Various AVSEC personnel categories have been created, such as inspectors, instructors, supervisors, managers, and national inspectors, among others. Through a formal evaluation process, it is determined whether personnel are qualified to perform these functions.

1.3 Accordingly, the PNACSAC was implemented as the document that establishes the policies and requirements necessary to directly regulate the evaluation and approval processes of security programs and procedures, as well as the full process for personnel certification.

2. ANALYSIS

2.1 Standard 3.3.1 of Annex 17 requires States to develop, implement, and maintain a written security program for aircraft operators that meets the requirements of the national civil aviation security program of the operator's State. Given the broad range of companies providing services at airports, the Dominican Republic deemed it necessary to categorize them and require a security program or procedure tailored to the services they provide. To ensure proper approval, technical guidelines were developed to be implemented by specialized personnel in accordance with the provisions of the National Civil Aviation Security Programme (PNSAC).

2.2 Additionally, it was identified that the National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme (PNISAC) included certification processes along with training, which was not optimal. Certification is a formal evaluation process for individuals who perform civil aviation security duties and have successfully completed the required courses. This evaluation includes theoretical and practical assessments, as well as medical and psychological evaluations, background checks, and anti-doping tests

2.3 In order to have a comprehensive document containing all the regulations and procedures applicable to the certification of individuals and entities performing aviation security functions at airports, the PNACSAC was developed and implemented. Unlike other national programs, this initiative originates from the Dominican State. The full document can be accessed at the following link:
 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1htlVvMREtkb4fY0gD4MJ4QInAAhAgTOW/view?usp=sharing>.