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**Agenda Item 5: Every Flight is Secure**

**PRESENTATION: GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON THREATS AND RISKS TO CIVIL AVIATION**

(Presented by United States)

<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	
This presentation provides global and regional perspectives on the threats and risks to civil aviation.	
<b>Action:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Encourage North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Member States to review the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel of Experts (AVSECP/37) WP/8: “Updated Overview of Threats and Risks to Civil Aviation,” an annual product of the Aviation Security Panel of Experts Working Group on Threat and Risks (WGTR);</li><li>Encourage NACC Member States to review ICAO’s <i>Addendum to the 3rd Edition of the RCS</i> for more detailed information on the WGTR’s threat assessment and trends;</li><li>Consider the information presented in the context of one’s own State risk assessment process for civil aviation operations.</li></ol>
<b>Strategic Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Every Flight is Safe and Secure</li></ul>
<b>References:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ICAO Annex 17 – <i>Aviation Security</i></li><li>ICAO Aviation Security Manual (Doc 8973)</li><li>ICAO AVSECP/37 WP/8, “Updated Overview of Threats and Risks to Civil Aviation”</li><li>ICAO <i>Addendum to the 3rd Edition of the Global Risk Context Statement (May 2025)</i></li></ul>

## **1. Introduction**

1.1 A safe and secure aviation ecosystem depends on understanding and addressing threats and risks. This presentation offers a global and regional overview of civil aviation challenges, highlighting the significance of the NACC DCA meeting as a collaborative forum to advance regional security.

### **Background**

1.2 The Aviation Security Panel of Experts Working Group on Threat and Risk (WGTR) assesses the global threat and risk context based on the information available to its members and using the approved methodology published in the ICAO Global AVSEC Risk Context Statement (RCS) (Doc 10108 – Restricted). The WGTR produces an annual report to the AVSECP on the year’s threat and risk trends, setting the tone for the remainder of the Panel’s discussion. Highlights of that work will be presented to the NACC DCA Meeting.

1.3 The United States uses available information provided by ICAO, as well as other public sources to assess the threats and risks to the Homeland and regionally, according to its approved methodology. Assessment highlights will be presented to the NACC DCA Meeting.

## **2. Discussion**

2.1 The presentation provides information on global evolving and continuing threats, including the threat from Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS). A focus on threats and risks to civil aviation in the Americas with pertinent information about threat actors, aviation incidents and cyber threats encourages NACC DCA to remain vigilant of the dynamic threat environment and the challenges with mitigation efforts.

## **3. Conclusion**

3.1 Civil aviation continues to be an attractive target those who seek to harm or cause damage for nefarious purposes. It is imperative that NACC civil aviation authority leadership, staff, and international organizations be stay aware of both global and regional threats and risks to inform or compliment Member State’s risk assessment process.