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Agenda Item 2: Review of the ICAO AVSEC Programme and its implementation in the Region

INCLUSION OF AN AVSEC CLAUSE IN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

(presented by Argentina)

Summary

This working paper submits to the consideration of civil aviation authorities the possibility of including a clause on security in future air transport agreements.

1. Introduction

1.1 The events of 11 September 2001 in the United States caused a marked reduction in the flow of domestic and international air transport, which significantly affected the aeronautical industry, due to the significant standstill in aircraft purchases, increased costs due to the implementation of new security measures, increased cost of insurance policies to cover the risks of war and terrorism, to mention just a few of their negative consequences.

1.2 As a direct result of these terrorist acts and the emergence of new threats, the 33rd. ICAO Assembly entrusted the Council and the Secretary General with the task of taking urgent action to face such threats, reviewing Annex 17 and studying the creation of a Universal Audit Programme.

1.3 ICAO issued resolutions for the creation of a general global framework, in which security (AVSEC) had priority, and reformulated Annex 17—Security—through Amendment 10. This Annex is currently under study, together with a proposal for a future Amendment 11.

1.4 AVSEC authorities of the various SAM States, with great effort and limited resources, are adjusting their procedures to the new regulations. It is obvious that, in order to take full advantage of said resources, one possible measure would be for the member states in the region to enter into agreements based on broad co-operation, in order respond to the new situation jointly.

2. Application

2.1 The inclusion of a clause on aviation security in bilateral agreements will permit joint use of the resources that exist in the region, such as training, technologies, procedures, certification and audits, pursuing objectives that support the normal development of aeronautical activity.

2.2 In this regard, it would be appropriate to stress the ICAO recommendation contained in Chapter 2, General Principles, 2.3, International Co-operation, 2.3.7 “Each contracting State should include a clause on aviation security in its bilateral air transport agreements”.

3. Suggested action

3.1 Civil aviation authorities are invited to include a clause on aviation security in the text of future air transport agreements.

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