



**Agenda Item 3: Review of results obtained in the SAM Region on security matters**

**REPORTING ON ACTIVITIES OF THE NAM/CAR & SAM REGIONAL AVSEC/FAL GROUP**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
This paper proposes a study of the work carried out by the ICAO/LACAC AVSEC/FAL/RG from a regional perspective.	
<b>REFERENCES</b>	
- Meeting of the Civil Aviation Authorities	
<b>Strategic objectives:</b>	<i>C – Security and facilitation</i>

**1. Background**

1.1. The first meeting was held in May 2011, in Asunción, Paraguay, in which two AVSEC/FAL panels that were working in parallel, one within the context of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the other under the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC), were merged to create the ICAO/LACAC CAR/SAM & SAM AVSEC/FAL/RG.

1.2. This working group consists of the North American, Central American, Caribbean, and South American States and Territories, in addition to IATA, IFALPA, ECCAA, OAS-CICTE, COCESNA, ACI, ALTA, CANSO, SIIASA, amongst others.

1.3. The terms of reference highlight the establishment of a cooperation agreement between ICAO and LACAC, whereby the AVSEC/FAL/RG will report on its activities, tasks, and results to the Directors of Civil Aviation and the responsible security authority.

1.4. The strategy of the Regional Group is to underline the importance of security amongst the States and organisations involved, promoting compliance with international civil aviation security standards and the security oversight capacity of States; encourage the sharing of information amongst States in order to raise awareness on security threats and trends, promoting mutual recognition of security processes.

1.5. International civil aviation activity has experienced a sustained growth in our Regions in recent years. Based on the increased demand for air transport services, this trend will not only continue in the next ten years, but will grow exponentially. Accordingly, the Fifth meeting of the Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/5), held in July 2015, proposed the development of Procedures for the Implementation of a One-Stop Security Control System (OSS) to give sustainability to the civil aviation security system and to use it as a tool to improve operational efficiency of airports and airlines in the Region, which will in turn improve connectivity amongst States.

## 2. Objectives and activities

2.1 The main objectives include:

- a) Improving, *inter alia*, security and facilitation in air transport and aircraft operations.
- b) Updating aviation security regulations and increasing their level of compliance at national level.
- c) Developing a regional aviation security structure that will support regional cooperation and the exchange of best practices to strengthen and improve aviation security systems in the States of the Region.
- d) Establishing a regional mechanism to make it possible to have a guide for “common application” of the standards contained in Annex 17, Security, and Annex 9, Facilitation.
- e) Improving and strengthening mechanisms for coordination, cooperation, exchange of information, experiences, procedures, and best practices concerning security and facilitation amongst the States of the Region.
- f) Developing procedures based on risk management to strengthen security systems in the Region, assessing the need to validate standing procedures to ensure that security checks on passengers, their hand baggage, and hold baggage are properly performed at the point of origin, preventing subsequent unauthorised interference from the screening point at the airport of origin until boarding the departing aircraft, and at the transfer airport (OSS), in order to improve connectivity between States.

2.2 Amongst the various activities and projects completed by the experts of the Regional Group, the following training material may be underlined:

- An updated “Workshop on the identification of persons with suspicious behaviours”, and
- Training material on facilitation (led by Mexico and Bolivia), a “Facilitation training workshop”, completed.

2.3 The activities and projects being carried out by the experts of the States are:

- a) Security management system, SeMS, (led by Colombia),
- b) Cyber-security in civil aviation (led by Jamaica),
- c) List of restricted articles by authorities other than aviation security (led by Cuba),
- d) Procedures for the implementation of a One-Stop Security Control System, OSS (led by Panama), and
- e) AVSEC/FAL/RG strategic plan (led by Argentina), to be updated and aligned with the GAsEP.

### **2018 activities**

2.4 In order to fulfil the various tasks of the Group, the following activities have been planned for 2018:

- Coordination with Colombia (project leader) for hosting the First workshop on the aviation security management system programme (SeMS),
- Workshop on cyber-security, March 2018, hosted by Jamaica,
- Meeting to make the necessary adjustments to align the AVSEC/FAL/RG Strategic Plan with the GASeP, to be held in April 2018 en Peru (alternate State Paraguay), and
- Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC AVSEC/FAL/RG/8, at the ICAO NACC Regional Office, in Mexico City, tentatively on 4-8 June 2018.

### **3. Suggested action**

3.1 In order to assist the States of the Region in the standardisation of procedures, exchange of experiences, strengthening of aviation security systems, development of best practices in facilitation, and improvement of connectivity amongst States, the Directors of Civil Aviation gathered here are urged to:

- a) Continue supporting the work being carried out by the Regional Group and foster implementation in their States, in order to promote the standardisation of security systems in the Region, which will facilitate the flow of passengers through airports;
- b) Continue supporting the participation of their experts at the ICAO/LACAC AVSEC/FAL/RG meetings, and contribute to the tasks carried out by the working groups by sharing their experiences;
- c) Continue participating through their experts in the meetings of the specific working groups, thus improving their quality levels. This would help improve the level of compliance with Annex 17 and Annex 9 in their States, making traffic through the airports of the Region easier, more agile and secure;
- d) Take note of the workshops conducted by the AVSEC/FAL/RG: the workshop on the identification of persons with suspicious behaviours, the workshop on facilitation training, and the workshop on cyber-security. These workshops are available to the States upon request; and
- e) Study the possibility of implementing the OSS in their States in order to improve connectivity amongst the States of the Region.

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