



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

**IATA AMERICAS AVIATION SECURITY STRATEGY**

(Presented by IATA)

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
This information paper presents IATA's Aviation Security Strategy for the Americas and is supported by a first draft of a Regional Risk Context Statement that was developed after discussions with key regional airlines. The strategy and risk context statement are shared for the propose of developing a common strategy among stakeholders over the next few years to address the challenges the SAM region faces	
<b>REFERENCES</b>	
- ICAO Annex 17 - ICAO GASeP	
<b>ICAO Strategic Objectives:</b>	<i>C – Security and Facilitation</i>

**1. Introduction**

1.1 Security is critical for the growth and sustainability of the global aviation industry. There is a need to monitor the security threats to aviation and a need to understand the regional risk picture. There is a need to work together to deliver agreed security objectives to meet current and emerging security challenges within the region. These objectives shall be consistent with ICAO GASeP.

1.2 IATA has developed an Americas` security strategy to adapt to the region's security challenges. This strategy was developed during the first meeting of the IATA's Regional Security Focus Group (November 2nd, 2017). In this meeting, in addition, to the adoption of the Regional Security Strategy, a Regional Security Risk Context Statement were tabled and approved by the group.

**2. Discussion**

2.1 The IATA's Regional Security Strategy provides a framework for the Focus Group to deliver shared security objectives to meet current and emerging security challenges at the regional level, whilst complimenting the IATA and ICAO global strategies. Key to the Regional Strategy are the 5 priorities identified in the ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP), namely:

- a) Enhance risk awareness and response;
- b) Develop a security culture and human capability;
- c) Improve technological resources and foster innovation;
- d) Improve oversight and quality assurance and;
- e) Increase cooperation and support.

2.2 The IATA's Americas Focus Group will implement these priorities via the 10 Focus Group activities (identified in the Risk Context Statement) to develop a work plan that will address regional needs and importantly ensure there is a coordinated regional voice from the airlines. The Regional Security Strategy is attached to this working paper as an **Appendix A** (English only).

2.3 In support of the Regional Security Strategy, a Regional Risk Context Statement was developed during one-on-one sessions with the airlines prior to the first meeting of the IATA's Americas Focus Group. The objective of this document is to identify global threats and regional risks, challenges and identify opportunities. The Risk Context Statement is attached to this working paper as an **Appendix B** (English only) and it is a living document.

2.4 The top priorities to be actioned in the short term will be determined at the next meeting of the in IATA's Americas Focus Group, to be held in May 2018, and a work plan will be agreed for the short (within one year), medium (one to three years) and long term (plus three years).

2.5 There were a number of agreed outcomes that will be in place by the May 2018 meeting. Some of them were:

- a) Develop a regional Point of Contact List for security and facilitation.
- b) Develop an IATA extranet site for the Focus Group and regional airlines, using the IATA platform to share best practice, innovation, STEADES information and IATA working papers.
- c) Investigate focused training opportunities (regional and consolidated) and provide update at the May 2018 meeting.

2.6 IATA encourages States and the ICAO Regional Offices to acknowledge the contributions of the IATA's Americas Focus Group and the Strategy, to develop a common approach over the next few years to address the challenges the SAM region faces.

### 3. **Suggested action**

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information provided in this paper; and
- b) encourage States to acknowledge the contributions of the IATA's Americas Security Focus Group to develop a common approach over the next few years to address the current and any emerging security challenges SAM region faces.



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## Purpose

Security is critical for the growth and sustainability of the global aviation industry. There is a need to monitor the security threats to aviation and a need to understand the regional risk picture. The Strategy provides the framework and apparatus (Americas Regional Security Focus Group) to work together to deliver agreed security objectives to meet current and emerging security challenges within the region. These objectives are consistent with the IATA SEG strategy and the ICAO GAsEP.



## Objective

To establish regional, risk-based security priorities that will enhance the effectiveness of global and regional aviation security by having: tangible and measurable outcomes; clear accountabilities; regional input and; are commensurate with regional risks.

Ensure a regional voice championing regional needs, highlighting challenges, seeking opportunities and leveraging our strengths.

The Focus Group believes that the five ICAO GAsEP priorities are broadly consistent with the regional needs and the IATA SEG priorities. IATA will use these priorities via the 10 Focus Group Activities to deliver an action or work plan to be approved by the Chair of the Focus Group. IATA will provide the secretariat support to the Focus Group.



## GAsEP Priorities - Industry Application

a) **Enhance risk awareness and response.** Understanding risk is essential for policies and measures to be effective, proportionate and sustainable. Undertaking risk assessments will help to identify gaps and vulnerabilities, which can then be addressed in the most practical way possible, and with optimal use of resources.

b) **Develop security culture and human capability.** The promotion of effective security culture is critical to achieve good security outcomes. A strong security culture must be developed from the top management across and within every organization. The existence of a well-trained, motivated and professional work force is a critical prerequisite for effective aviation security.

c) **Improve technological resources and foster innovation.** Promoting and applying better technological solutions and innovative techniques can provide the tools for enhancing security effectiveness while ensuring operational efficiency.

d) **Improve oversight and quality assurance.** Effective quality control and oversight processes are critical in delivering sustained effective aviation security.

e) **Increase cooperation and support.** Increasing collaboration will enable the key security objectives to be achieved more quickly and efficiently.



## Focus Group Activities:



1. Monitoring regional threats, challenges and opportunities;
2. Encouraging and sharing industry best practice;
3. Developing a security culture with all stakeholders in the region;
4. Identifying sustainable (and where possible harmonized) security measures;
5. Encouraging innovation and technology;
6. Balancing facilitation needs;
7. Adhering to risk based methodology to manage risk
8. Coordinating effective regional lobbying;
9. Sourcing capacity and capability building opportunities and;
10. Encouraging regional cooperation.

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