



**Agenda Item 7: Other business**

**IATA Regional Security Strategy and the establishment of an Industry Security Focus Group**

(Presented by IATA)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>This paper provides an update on the IATA Americas Security Strategy and the activities of the related Security Focus Group within the region</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>References:</b></p> <p>ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) <a href="https://www.icao.int/Security/Pages/Global-Aviation-Security-Plan.aspx">https://www.icao.int/Security/Pages/Global-Aviation-Security-Plan.aspx</a></p>

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 In November 2017 IATA developed a regional security strategy for airlines in the Americas.
- 1.2 Currently the strategy has an emphasis on supporting airlines operating in South America and the Caribbean.
- 1.3 The major component of the strategy is the twice yearly meeting of the Security Focus Group (SFG). The SFG held its first meeting at the IATA Americas office in Miami during November 2017. Membership of the SFG is open to all airlines who operate in the region.

**2 The Strategy**

- 2.1 A key driver for the Strategy and therefore the actions of the SFG is alignment with the ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) and associated UN resolutions.
- 2.2 The Strategy seeks ways to ensure airlines in the region work with ICAO to improve security and where necessary help with capacity and capability building.
- 2.3 The SFG encourages the establishment of regional risk-based security outcomes that enhance global and regional aviation security by: identifying clear accountabilities, ensuring security

measures are commensurate with regional risks; and encouraging harmonization of security measures wherever possible.

2.4 The SFG is a regional voice championing regional needs, highlighting challenges and seeking opportunities to improve aviation security using our strengths.

2.5 The SFG has decided to adopt the ICAO GASeP 5 key priorities, as they are broadly consistent with the regional industry needs and priorities. The SFG will use these priorities and the global and regional roadmaps to develop targeted action plans to address the regional needs and they will be implemented by the Focus Group membership under the leadership of the chairman.

2.6 The actions of the SFG will be reported annually by IATA to the AVSEC Panel and to the next ICAO Assembly.

### **3 Action**

3.1 **GREPECAS** is invited to:

- a) note the initiative of IATA to set up an industry security group to support the ICAO GASeP and address the security challenges and opportunities in the region;
- b) acknowledge the regional industry security strategy and continue to cooperate and collaborate with IATA to enhance capacity and capability building in the regions CAR and SAM.