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REPORT OFFIRST MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION GROUP FOR AFRICA AND INDIAN OCEAN REGION (RASFG-AFI) (DAKAR, SENEGAL, 16-17 SEPTEMBER 2015)

Background

The First Meeting of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group for Africa and the Indian Ocean Region (RASFG-AFI) was held at the Headquarters of the African Civil Aviation Commission in Dakar, Senegal from 16 to 17 September, 2015. The meeting was convened basically to review and validate the Terms of Reference and the Work Program of the RASFG-AFI.

Opening Session

The Opening Ceremony was chaired by Mr. Adama Niang, representing the Director General of Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile et de la Meteorologie (ANACIM) Senegal. Present were Ms. Iyabo O. Sosina, the Secretary General of AFCAC and Mr. Mam Sait Jallow, the Regional Director of ICAO WACAF.

In her welcome address, the Secretary General of AFCAC noted that although substantial results have been recorded with the implementation of aviation security and facilitation in Africa, the sustainability of these results has frequently been questioned and there still remains significant work to be done in order to address the remaining shortcomings. She also recalled that the AFI-SECFAL Steering Committee (SC) meeting held on 18 May, 2015 in Maputo, Mozambique tasked AFCAC to develop the Terms of Reference for the establishment of the RASFG-AFI, a call which was endorsed by the AFCAC Air Transport Committee at its meeting in Victoria Falls from 25 to May 2015.

In his remarks, the Regional Director of ICAO WACAF enumerated the challenges the continent is facing currently in the twin areas of security and facilitation, adding that the Security and Facilitation (SECFAL) Plan is an opportunity to address those challenges. He therefore reiterated his call for collaboration between States, Industry, ICAO and AFCAC in implementing the Plan in a coordinated manner.

The Representative of the Director General of ANACIM Senegal highlighted the importance of establishing the RASFG-AFI and called for States' commitment in dealing with Security and Facilitation issues that have been prevalent in the continent. He also referred to the meeting held in Maputo, Mozambique where the Steering Committee was established and thereafter conveyed the good will messages of the Senegalese authorities for the success of the meeting and formally declared the meeting open.

Participation

Forty seven (47) participants from 21 States and international organization(AFCAC, ICAO and the ASTC Dakar)attendedthe meeting. TheTransport Security Administration(TSA) representing the United States of America (USA)also attended the meeting as a non-African partner State. The list of participants is attached

Election of Chair

Mr. Joao dos Reis Monteiro, President of the Board of Directors of Cabo Verde Civil Aviation Authority was elected to chair the meeting. His nomination was proposed by Guinea and supported by Togo, Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Uganda,Tanzania was alsoelected the Vice Chair while AFCAC with the assistance of ICAO assumed responsibility of the Secretariat in line with the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the RASFG-AFI.

Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed Agenda was reviewed and adopted by the meeting. The Agenda is hereby attached.

Agenda Item 2 (Background Information)

ICAO (WACAF) made a presentation on the“Overview of the current AVSEC and FAL Situation in Africa”. The meeting was informed about the progress made so far on thepromulgation of primary Aviation Security legislation and establishment of National Aviation Security Programmes as well as the growing numbers of qualified security personnel on the continent. It was also noted that of the three (3) States with Significant Security Concerns (SSECs), two (2) have been removed from the ICAO list.

AFCAC made a presentation on the “Establishment of the RASFG-AFI”- the meeting was informed that the Meeting of the First Steering Committee of the AFI SECFALPlanheld in May 2015 at Maputo, Mozambique endorsed the establishment of the RASFG-AFI which was subsequently supported by the 13th AFCAC Air Transport Committee Meeting held at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe also in May 2015. Furthermore that the establishment of the RASFG-AFI was in compliance with the directive of the Ministers responsible for civil aviation which was taken at their meeting in Luanda, Angola in 2011 (CAMT 2)

ICAO (ESAF) also made a presentation on the“Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan)”. The meeting was informed that the ICAO Secretariat organized two preparatory meetings to assist in the adaptation of the AFI SECFAL Plan documents. The First Technical Meeting was held in Montreal, Canada from 4 to 6 February 2015, while the second Technical Meeting was held in Nairobi, Kenya from 24 to 26 March 2015.

The overview of the Plan is collaboration between States and the industry in the implementation of acoordinated initiative aimed at rectifying AVSEC and FAL deficiencies in a sustainable manner and to draw on expertise and resources available in African States, ICAO, donor States and organizations.

The meeting was briefed on the comments received from States on the AFI SECFAL Plan programme document and Work Plan which was circulated to them after the First Meeting of the Steering Committee. The Report of the 1st AFI SECFAL Steering Committee (SC) meeting was also tabled during the meeting.

The historical background and presentations made, set the tone for the meeting and made all participants to be familiar with the AFI SECFAL Plan and paved the way for a better understanding of the meeting's objective which was to adopt the draft RASFG-AFI Terms of Reference (ToR) and its Work Programme for 2016.

Agenda Item 3 (Draft ToR and Work Programme)

The draft ToR was reviewed by the meeting point per point. Inputs from participants were considered for incorporation into the draft ToR, notably under the following points:

CHAIRPERSON

The meeting unanimously accepted that in the unlikely event of the unavailability of both the Chair and Vice Chair, the host State shall nominate a temporary Chair for RASFG-AFI meeting.

FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE TO STATES

Improvement was brought to this chapter with respect to the rephrasing and numbering order of the initial sub chapter with a clearly established role as well as responsibilities for AFCAC, the sponsoring States and Organizations, and the recipient States of technical assistance.

WORKING LANGUAGES OF RASFG-AFI

The working language of the RASFG-AFI was thoroughly discussed and the meeting unanimously decided to have documentation of the RASFG-AFI meetings in the English and French languages.

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

The draft Work Programme of the RASFG-AFI was discussed and the inputs received from participants were incorporated notably; that the National Air Transport Facilitation Programme (NATFP) should be added to the other Security Programmes.

It was suggested that new number six (6) of the draft Programme should read "States to develop procedures for Cargo and Mail Security, and Infrastructure". There was also a suggestion under point number seven (7) of the same draft that read as "AVSEC/FAL Infrastructure Improvement".

The Director General of Sudan Civil Aviation Authority announced during the meeting that Sudan is prepared to host the Second RASFG-AFI Meeting in 2016.

Agenda item 4: Identification of AVSEC/FAL Focus Area and Designation of Expert Teams

FOCUS AREA

Five (5) focus areas were identified and adopted for the intervention of the Expert Teams with suggested qualifications and criteria for the Technical Team in line with the identified areas.

The identified areas are as follows and are also attached:

- a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERSIGHT SYSTEMS**
- b) **SECURITY OVERSIGHT IMPLEMENTATION, SIGNIFICANT SECURITY CONCERNS**
- c) **SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT & NEW/EMERGING THREATS**
- d) **FACILITATION**
- e) **CARGO, AVSEC AND FACILITATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

DESIGNATION OF AVSEC/FAL EXPERT TEAMS

As a result of a long debate, the meeting was successful in developing and adopting the criteria/qualifications for the designation of experts of the technical assistance team which areas follows and are attached:

i) ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY OVERSIGHT SYSTEMS

Qualification in one or more of the following areas:

ICAO USAP Auditor, ICAO Certified Instructor, ICAO AVSEC Panel Member, ICAO AVSEC PMC (added advantage)

ii) SECURITY OVERSIGHT IMPLEMENTATION & SIGNIFICANT SECURITY CONCERNS

Qualification in one or more of the following areas:

ICAO USAP Auditor, ICAO Certified Instructor, ICAO AVSEC PMC (added advantage)

iii) SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT & NEW / EMERGING THREATS

Qualification in one or more of the following areas:

AVSEC Expert with qualification / competence in Security Risk Assessment, National/State Expert in the area of Security Threat and Risk Assessment

iv) FACILITATION

Qualification in one or more of the following areas:

Facilitation Expert, PMC qualification with good working knowledge of Annex 9, National Inspector with sound knowledge of Annex 9, ICAO FAL Panel Member

v) CARGO SECURITY AND SECFAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Qualification in one or more of the following areas:

Cargo Security Specialist, AVSEC Equipment Expert, Facilitation Expert, PMC qualification with sound working knowledge of airport operations.

CLOSING

In closing the meeting, both the Secretary General of AFCAC and Regional Director of ICAO WACAF thanked the participants for the commitments they had shown in enduring the heat to see the successful conclusion of the meeting.

The TSA also thanked AFCAC and ICAO for inviting them to participate in the RASFG-AFI meeting and confirmed their full support and commitment.

The Chairperson equally thanked the participants for the trust and confidence reposed in him and Tanzania the Vice-Chair of the meeting and for their cooperation.

The meeting closed at 17:00.