INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
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Agenda Item 3.   Aviation Security

3.1   AVIATION SECURITY POINT OF CONTACT (PoC) NETWORK
"A secure means of exchanging sensitive security information"

Background

The ICAO Aviation Security Point of Contact (PoC) Network was established in 2006 following a meeting of G8 States (Roma-Lyon Crime and Terrorism Group) and subsequently recommended by a Ministerial conference on international transport security held in Tokyo in January 2006. ICAO Assembly Resolution A36-20 urges States to join the PoC Network.

Main Objectives

The objectives of the PoC Network are to:

a) provide a network of international aviation security contacts within each State who are designated as the appropriate authority to send and receive communication of a sensitive security nature at any time; and

b) enable States to communicate efficiently with other States about imminent threats, request security-related information of an urgent nature and/or provide guidelines and advice on countering imminent threats.

Further Developments

The Council of ICAO recommended that the PoC Network be used as a platform for States to exchange information. The role of the PoC Network has therefore been expanded so that States may share information on a broad range of security-related topics and obtain access to

The Network website will be linked in the near future to the "AVSECPaedia" website, designed to provide States with information on emerging best practices and new approaches, including guidance on various screening technologies that have been tested or deployed around the world.

Further enhancements and upgrades to the Network website will be made to better reflect the dynamic nature of aviation security.

A Milestone

The PoC Network was used successfully to communicate information and recommendations to all participating States following the attempted sabotage of Northwest Airlines flight 253 on 25 December 2009.

Participation and Access

Access to the PoC Network website is restricted to those States that have placed their own contact details in the database and have been issued a password by ICAO.

Given the sensitive nature of the information communicated via the PoC Network, participating States are required to:

a) ensure their contact details are kept up-to-date; and

| related websites concerning MANPADS and the Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP). | b) protect PoC Network confidentiality by limiting access to persons with a genuine need to be aware of its sensitive information in order to discharge their duties. |

To participate in the ICAO Aviation Security PoC Network, complete the attached PoC Network Sign-up Form and send it directly to the Chief, Aviation Security and Facilitation Policy Section, fax: + 1 514-954-5061, e-mail: sfp@icao.int.

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Registration Instructions for the
ICAO Aviation Security Point of Contact (PoC) Network

Please perform the following steps:

a) enter the secure site at http://portal.icao.int/ and click on "request an account";

b) click on the OK button on the pop-up message;

c) in the pop-up window, enter AVSECNET (all caps and no space) and click on the OK button; and

d) enter the requested information in the new user account form and click on "submit request". A confirmation e-mail, along with a username and password, will be sent once access has been granted

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AVIATION SECURITY POINT OF CONTACT (PoC) NETWORK

SIGN-UP FORM

Please complete the form and ensure that the contact point is not only knowledgeable but also available on a 24-hour basis.

1.   CONTACT, TELEPHONE NUMBER, FAX and E-MAIL ADDRESS *(Example: "Country: Command Centre, Aviation Security Department, City, Telephone: 1-555-555-1212, Fax: 1-555-555-1212, E-mail: Johndoe@xxx.gov")*

Contact Person (s) (up to 3 persons):

Name: _____

Position/
Department: _____

Address: _____
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Tel.:   _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

2.   DESCRIPTION OF POINT OF CONTACT *(Example: "Country: Aviation Security Department is a telecommunication centre that is open 24 hours per day. Its personnel can immediately connect the caller to an appropriate investigator or expert. The Command Centre itself does not have electronic evidence investigators or experts.")*

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3.   LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES OF CONTACT (*Example: "Country: Command Centre personnel speak English only."*)

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4.   PLEASE PROVIDE AN E-MAIL CONTACT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF UPDATES TO THE PoC NETWORK (Example: *"COUNTRY: Johndoe@xxx.gov and Marydoe@xxx.gov")*

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