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The Genesis

- AVSEP27 accepted a proposal by the Secretariat's for the ICAO Comprehensive Aviation Security Strategy to transition into a Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP)
- The 39th Session of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly agreed on the need for the accelerated development of a GASeP as a future aviation security policy and programming framework.
- The United Nations (UN) Security Council Resolution 2309 (2016) Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts: Aviation security adopted in September 2016 (UNSCR 2309), also called upon ICAO, States and stakeholders to comply with their treaty obligations and international responsibilities as they relate to aviation security,
- A special Task Force comprising members and permanent observers of the ICAO Aviation Security Panel was established to work with the Secretariat in formulating the GASeP.





The Objectives

- To respond to current threats and risks by ensuring that aviation security remains among the highest of priorities for States and the global international community.
- The Task Force was mindful to reinforce States' accountability
- The GASeP incorporates the key aspects and themes from UNSCR 2309 (2016) and ICAO Assembly Resolution A39-18
 - The need for effective, risk-based measures that are assessed regularly to reflect the evolving threat picture; ensuring that measures are effectively implemented on the ground on a sustainable basis;
 - Resource allocation and the promotion of a culture of security;
 - Establishing effective national oversight of aviation security systems



The Objectives

- The GASeP aims to foster amongst ICAO, States, industry, and stakeholders a greater commitment to enhancing global aviation security. With all stakeholders fulfilling their responsibilities set out in the Roadmap
- The GASeP aims to provide a global holistic and coordinated effort to counter aviation threats



The Approval

- The Panel was unanimous in its support of the GASeP
- Lauded the Chairperson and the Task Force for their work in crafting a plan which provides important guidance to all States and industry on a wide range of aviation security priorities.
- The Panel acknowledged the ambitious nature of the GASeP, and underscored that the implementation of the action items will require a concerted effort from ICAO, all States and industry.
- The Panel accepted that the Secretariat will take the lead in monitor achievement of targets, with the assistance of the Regional Offices.



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The role of States

- States have a responsibility to ensure effective implementation and compliance efforts, promote accountability for these security responsibilities, and enhance the effectiveness of global aviation security.
- The GASeP will guide aviation security enhancement efforts through prioritized actions, tasks, and targets
- States should guide and coordinate efforts by stakeholders to assist in the effective implementation of security responsibilities, and enhancement of effective of global aviation security.
- States need to demonstrate year-on-year improvement
- States need to ensure collaboration with other states and international borders



The Role of the AVSEC Panel

- The Panel agreed that the Roadmap to the GASeP should be treated as a living document and, taking into account new and emerging aviation security threats, be reviewed and adjusted as necessary.
- The Panel members are ready and willing to assist in the implementation of the GASeP

The Way Forward

- The Task Force was mindful of the fact that States have limited resources with which to operate. When implementing these tasks, States should consider where their greatest areas of risk are and prioritize
- The work programme of various AVSEC Panel Working Groups will be aligned to the GASeP
- The implementation of the GASeP takes into account regional differences.



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