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SHARING OF AVIATION SECURITY INFORMATION BETWEEN STATES

(Presented by Egypt, Jordan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and United Arab Emirates)

SUMMARY

This working paper discusses the need and importance of the strengthening cooperation between States regarding sharing of relevant information in order to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of risk based aviation security measures at national, regional and global level.

Action by the High-level Conference on Aviation Security is in paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 International cooperation in sharing information on threats and risks between States has a vital part to play in delivering effective aviation security at the national, regional and global level, as well as, in building and maintaining robust aviation security systems that are sustainable within the emerging threat environment.

1.2 In accordance with the cross-boundary nature of both civil aviation and threats to civil aviation, States should foster international cooperation related to aviation security in an effective, robust and sustainable way, while also respecting State sovereignty and adherence to the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices as an international baseline.

1.3 Many Standards and Recommended Practices in Annex 17 require measures to be implemented by States based on security risk assessments. Therefore, identifying and understanding of relevant threats is an essential component of risk assessment and security measures to be implemented in order to mitigate the risk in effective and proportionate manner.

¹ English and Arabic versions provided by the United Arab Emirates.

2. EFFECTIVE SHARING OF SENSITIVE AVIATION SECURITY INFORMATION BETWEEN STATES

2.1 The United Nations Security Council Resolution 2309 and ICAO General Assembly Resolution A39-18 Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to aviation security urge and invite all States for enhancing cooperation and information-sharing among States and stakeholders.

2.2 In accordance with the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP), whose objective is to enhance the effectiveness of global aviation security, one of the seven overarching principles that support the GASeP's objective is "Cooperation and information sharing". This main principle highlights the importance of strengthening cooperation and sharing of information between and amongst States and stakeholders. In addition, the first of the five Priority Outcomes of the GASeP is to "Enhance risk awareness and response", which includes as a priority action enhancing dissemination of threat and risk advice.

2.3 ICAO Annex 17 Chapter 2. General Principles 2.4 International Cooperation includes Standards relevant for sharing and protection of sensitive aviation security information as follows:

2.3.1 Standard 2.4.2: Each Contracting State shall cooperate with other States in the development and exchange of information concerning national civil aviation security programmes, training programmes and quality control programmes, as necessary.

2.3.2 Standard 2.4.3: Each Contracting State shall establish and implement procedures to share with other Contracting States threat information that applies to the aviation security interests of those States, to the extent practicable.

2.3.3 Standard 2.4.4: Each Contracting State shall establish and implement suitable protection and handling procedures for security information shared by other Contracting States, or security information that affects the security interests of other Contracting States, in order to ensure that inappropriate use or disclosure of such information is avoided.

2.4 Bilateral or multilateral agreements regarding the sharing and protection of sensitive aviation security information can be a useful legal base for facilitating the communication of aviation security threats, risks and vulnerabilities between States.

2.5 In order to facilitate the sharing of information in accordance with ICAO principles regarding international cooperation and collaboration, Egypt, Jordan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and United Arab Emirates have already decided to sign a multilateral MOU regarding the sharing and protection of sensitive aviation security information and other ICAO Member States have been invited to join this agreement as appropriate. The objective of this multilateral MOU is to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of risk based aviation security measures.

3. ACTION BY THE HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE

3.1 The High-level Conference on Aviation Security is invited to:

- a) note the content of this working paper; and

- b) encourage States to enter into collaborative arrangements for sharing of security information in order to enhance effectiveness of aviation security measures at the national, regional and global level within the emerging threat environment.

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