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ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION REGIONAL GROUP (AVSEC/FAL/RG)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This paper presents information on the progress of the projects of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG).

References:
- Final Report of the Second Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/2), Antigua and Barbuda, 16 to 18 May 2012 (http://www.mexico.icao.int/Meetings/AVSECFALRG/AVSECFALRG2/AVSECFALRG2FinalReport.pdf)   - State Letter EMX0529 dated 7 June 2012 on the Manual on Threat Assessment and Risk Management Methodology   - State Letter EMX0523 dated 12 June 2012 on the Approval of AVSEC/FAL/RG/2 Meeting Conclusions.   - State Letter EMX0684 dated 26 July 2012 on the Model National Air Cargo Security Programme.   - State Letter EMX0776 dated 12 September 2012 on the Regional AVSEC Training Events Database.   - State Letter EMX0890 dated 26 October 2012 on the Agreement on the Functional Protocol for the Exchange System of Aviation Security Information between States   - State Letter EMX0111 dated 19 February 2013 on ICAO/LACAC Regional Workshop on the "Detection of Passengers with Suspicious Conduct Course" to be held in Lima, Peru, from 8 to 12 April 2013.   - State Letter EMX0124 dated 21 February 2013 on ICAO Regional Facilitation (FAL) Workshop to be held in Mexico City, Mexico, 14 - 17 May 2013.   - State Letter EMX0259 dated 2 April 2013 on the Third Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/3) and Regional Seminar on Aviation Security (AVSEC/SEM) to be held in Lima, Peru, 17 – 21 June 2013.
Strategic Objective	*This information paper is related to Strategic Objective: B. Security – Enhance global civil aviation security*

1. Introduction

1.1 The Second Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/2) was held in Antigua and Barbuda, from 16 to 18 May 2012. Among the 19 participant States, aviation security specialists from Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica and United States attended this event.

1.2 The Secretariat proposed the development of a coordinated mechanism for the aviation security assistance activities to reduce the duplication of efforts. The Meeting concluded that a restricted database would be developed to share the training activities in the NAM/CAR/SAM Regions, using as a template the Implementation Support and Development Assistance List (ISDAL) database used by the ICAO Ad hoc Group for the cooperation on AVSEC capacity development. The Meeting agreed that the Secretariat develop the proposed structure and an information sharing mechanism.

1.3 Based on the progress and results of the implementation of projects, deliberations and agreements of the Meeting, the Terms of Reference, Work Programmes and Projects were updated.

1.4 A State letter was issued by the ICAO/LACAC Secretariat dated 7 June 2012, urging States to take note, review, comment and approve the Meeting conclusions by 29 June 2012. The approved Conclusions list is included in the **Appendix** to this paper.

2. Update on the Progress Achieved since the AVSEC/FAL/RG/2 Meeting

2.1 As a result of Conclusion 2/1, the ICAO/LACAC Secretariat invited States to the Workshop on the "Detection of Passengers with Suspicious Conduct Course" held in the ICAO SAM Regional Office, Lima, Peru, from 8 to 12 April 2013. Among the 21 States of different Regions, Aruba, Cuba, Jamaica and Mexico participated in the review of the material for the course, in order to be used by interested States as an implementation guide.

2.2 The High-level Conference on Aviation Security (HLASC) (Conclusion 2/5 refers) was held at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal from 12 to 14 September 2012 (IP/05 refers). The HLASC was attended by Bahamas, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico and United States.

2.3 Concerning Conclusion 2/6, the *Agreement on the Functional Protocol for the Exchange System of Aviation Security Information between States* was circulated to States for review and comments by 21 January 2013.

2.4 The Manual on Threat Assessment and Risk Management Methodology (Conclusion 2/7 refers) was translated by United States and circulated to States for review and comments by 7 July 2012. Headquarters also provided the manual to the ICAO AVSEC Panel for consideration.

2.5   Concerning Conclusion 2/10 - *Coordination between States and Organizations providing AVSEC Training Assistance*, the Secretariat developed the Regional AVSEC Training Events database to exchange information on AVSEC Regional Training Assistance to the donor and recipient States/Territories, which was circulated for review and comments by 12 October 2012. This database is in the final process of technical arrangements for its timely launch before the AVSEC/FAL/RG/3 Meeting.

2.6   Concerning Conclusion 2/11 item b), OAS-CICTE was urged to consider using the ICAO course evaluation forms; and posting information on the fellowship process on their website. Due to its own reporting system CICTE uses an evaluation form for its AVSEC training activities. With regard to posting the fellowship information on the website, this will be part of the future database referred to in Conclusion 2/10.

2.7   In addition, the Model National Air Cargo Security Programme was translated by United States and circulated to States for review and comments by 24 September 2012.

2.8   Furthermore, a Regional Facilitation Workshop was held at the ICAO NACC Regional Office in Mexico City, Mexico, from 14 to 17 May 2013. 37 representatives from 5 States and one international organization participated in this event. Only Dominican Republic from the Central Caribbean area participated in this important workshop.

2.9   Finally, State Letter EMX0259 dated 2 April 2013 invited all States to participate in the Third Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/3) and Regional Seminar on Aviation Security (AVSEC/SEM), to be held in Lima, Peru, from 17 to 21 June 2013. Directors are urged to send their specialists on these subjects to this event.

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APPENDIX
LIST OF CONCLUSIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ICAO/LACAC
NAM/CAR/SAM AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION REGIONAL GROUP
(AVSEC/FAL/RG/2)

CONCLUSION 2/1   ICAO/LACAC "DETECTION OF PASSENGERS WITH SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR COURSE" WORKSHOP

That in order to further develop the course material and prepare instructors:

a)   ICAO/LACAC organize a bilingual ICAO/LACAC *"Detection of Passengers with Suspicious Behaviour Course"* Workshop in Lima, Peru, during the first semester of 2013;

b)   LACAC translate the course material into English and provide English/Spanish simultaneous interpretation for the workshop;

c)   Chile provide a facilitator to conduct the workshop;

d)   the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) be invited to contribute its experience on the subject; and

e)   OAS-CICTE consider sponsoring fellowships for State participants to attend the event.

CONCLUSION 2/2   UPDATE OF ICAO FACILITATION PUBLICATIONS

That ICAO expedite the revision of out-of-date facilitation related publications, in particular, Circular 274 — *Access to Air Transport by Persons with Disabilities*, Doc 9249 — *Dynamic Flight-related Public Information Displays*, and Doc 9636 — *International Signs to Provide Guidance to Persons at Airports and Marine Terminals*.

CONCLUSION 2/3   CORRECTION OF ICAO ANNEX 9 AND FACILITATION MANUAL (SPANISH VERSIONS)

That ICAO correct the Spanish versions of Annex 9, Chapter 8, Part H, and the Facilitation Manual (Doc 9957) Chapter 8, Part 8.9, regarding "*Personas con impedimentos*" and use the terminology "*Personas con discapacidad*" contained in the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities signed on 13 December 2006 (updated in 2008).

CONCLUSION 2/4   STATES NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS FOR UNRULY OR DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR IN AVIATION FACILITIES AND ON BOARD AIRCRAFT

That States are encouraged to update their legislation and regulations in order to establish legal implications and include clear processes for handling unruly passengers or disruptive behaviour in aviation facilities and on board aircraft.

CONCLUSION 2/5   HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON AVIATION SECURITY

States/Territories are urged to attend and ensure ministerial participation at the global High-level Conference on Aviation Security to be held at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal, Canada, from 12 to 14 September 2012.

CONCLUSION 2/6   AGREEMENT ON THE FUNCTIONAL PROTOCOL OF THE AVIATION SECURITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM BETWEEN STATES

That the Secretariat will circulate the model "Agreement on the Functional Protocol for the Exchange System of Aviation Security Information between States" to States/Territories for review and comments to be received within three months from the date of the letter, and for implementation consideration, with appropriate modifications, in bilateral and/or multilateral contexts.

CONCLUSION 2/7   MANUAL ON THREAT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT METHODOLOGY AND RISK MATRIX

That:

a)   ICAO review and consider the *"Manual on Threat Assessment and Risk Management Methodology and Risk Matrix"* prepared by Chile in the development of an ICAO Threat Assessment and Risk Management Course; and

b)   United States translate the manual by **18 June 2012**.

CONCLUSION 2/8   AVSEC EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE TRAINING

That assistance with training for aviation security equipment maintenance be available through bilateral and/or multilateral arrangements for sharing technical resources, possibly coordinated by CASSOS, COCESNA and/or LACAC.

CONCLUSION 2/9   AVIATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE

That State authorities, airports and other service providers are invited to request ICAO or LACAC assistance with the implementation of aviation security provisions, including potential ICAO technical cooperation or LACAC horizontal cooperation projects, by contacting the ICAO Regional Offices or the LACAC Secretariat Office, respectively.

CONCLUSION 2/10   COORDINATION BETWEEN STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING AVSEC TRAINING ASSISTANCE

That:

a)   States and organizations providing AVSEC training assistance to States/Territories are urged to improve coordination to avoid the duplication of assistance provided and thereby ensure efficient use of resources to achieve the most effective provision of assistance for the benefit of States to meet their requirements; and

b)   ICAO develop a regional AVSEC training assistance information sharing database for donors and recipient States/Territories, including the associated user protocol, and circulate the proposal to States/Territories/Organizations for review and comments by **31 August 2012**.

CONCLUSION 2/11   OAS-CICTE FELLOWSHIPS FOR ICAO AVSEC TRAINING

That:

a)   States are urged to:

- take advantage of the fellowships offered and utilize the national point-of-contact network for requests;
- provide OAS-CICTE with evaluation reports on courses attended using OAS-CICTE fellowships;
- inform OAS-CICTE of any cancellation before the purchase of the air ticket or two weeks before the course; and

b)   OAS-CICTE is urged to consider:

- using the ICAO course evaluation forms; and
- posting information on the fellowship process on their web.

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