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**Agenda Item 7: Training, Cooperation, and Assistance  
 7.1 Implementation Support and Development – Security (ISD-SEC) Update**

**AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION ASSISTANCE  
 DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST AVSEC/FAL/RG**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Over the past year, the Implementation Support and Development – Security (ISD-SEC) Programme has, through the implementation of the Aviation Security Assistance and Capacity Building Strategy, assisted States in strengthening aviation security programmes by providing targeted assistance and the development of capacity-building partnerships. This paper reports on the progress achieved in implementing the ISD-SEC Programme, focusing on assistance activities, training activities and capacity development partnership building.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security and Facilitation</li> </ul>
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Report to Council</li> </ul>

**1. Introduction**

1.1 ICAO remains committed to enhancing aviation security through the implementation of the ICAO Aviation Security Assistance and Capacity Building Strategy. In a continuous effort to assist States in implementing the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of Annex 17 — *Security* and the security-related provisions of Annex 9 — *Facilitation*, the ISD-SEC Programme has enhanced assistance activities, as well as intensified efforts towards providing targeted assistance. The need for such assistance, along with the recognition of ICAO’s leadership role, was emphasized in the outcomes of the 38th Session of the ICAO Assembly.

## 2. Assistance

2.1 Aviation security-related assistance and capacity building were carried out under the ISD-SEC Programme throughout the year and included such activities as needs assessments, development and delivery of State Improvement Plans, preparation of training courses, and guidance for States in the development of their national AVSEC programmes.

2.2 The 38th Assembly called for the Organization to prioritize assistance for States that demonstrate a commitment to sustain AVSEC improvements. In order to optimize the coordination and benefit of assistance activities, ICAO worked with donor States to increase the types of assistance activities that were made available to recipient States. An example of this coordination included the provision on-the-job training in partnership with Member States.

2.3 ICAO and the European Union (EU) signed an Annex on Aviation Security to the ICAO/EU Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC). The Annex establishes a framework for exchanging information and undertaking joint activities in the field of aviation security.

2.4 Regional activities in partnership with States were expanded with the inaugural Aviation Security Seminar for Eastern European States, held in Uzbekistan in April 2013 by the newly created ICAO EUR/NAT AVSEC Group. Additionally, the Asia/Pacific Regional Aviation Security Coordinated Forum was established under ICAO's leadership. Both initiatives provide platforms for strengthening regional aviation security in a coordinated and uniform manner.

2.5 The Cooperative Aviation Security Programme for the Middle East (CASP-MID) initiated activities with the support of five Member States. The goal of the new CASP is to enhance the implementation of security measures, as well as promote coordination on AVSEC matters in the region. Its primary near-term focus is on training, and during the year training sessions were held for the participating States in partnership with the ICAO Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

2.6 The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) organized a regional seminar in Niamey, Niger, with support from ICAO that focused on the threat posed by man-portable air defence systems (MANPADS). Participants agreed on 12 recommendations and a roadmap for mitigating the MANPADS threat to civil aviation.

2.7 ICAO continued its cooperation with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED). Over the course of the year, the Secretariat provided relevant information for CTED visits to Ireland, Japan and Serbia. In addition, Headquarters personnel participated in visits to Mauritania and Gabon, augmenting the CTED teams with expertise in aviation security.

## 3. Training

3.1 In 2013, as part of ASTC activities, 41 ICAO-sponsored courses and workshops were conducted. The total number of certified instructors globally is 236 representing 72 States, of which 47 are from the NAM/CAR region representing 12 States; and 18 are from the SAM region representing 7 States. There are currently no plans to conduct additional ICAO Instructor Certification Courses this year as there is sufficient number of active instructors to meet ICAO's needs.

3.2 In January 2014, the Global Aviation Training (GAT) Office was established in ICAO. It is responsible for the planning, management and coordination of all ICAO aviation training activities ensuring the efficient, effective and harmonized implementation of the ICAO Training Policy. One of the GAT Office initiatives is to evaluate the instructor certification/recertification processes used throughout ICAO and find areas where they can be harmonized. As a result of this ongoing effort, the recertification of ICAO Certified AVSEC Instructors will not begin until after the GAT Office has completed their study.

3.3 Training funded by the Canada-ICAO Security Awareness Training programme concluded in 2013 with the third year of training consisting of the Risk Management Workshop. A total of 196 participants from 33 States received training. Efforts are currently underway to obtain additional funding to continue similar projects.

3.4 With respect to training material, eight Aviation Security Training Packages (ASTPs) are available for sale: Basic; Cargo; Crisis Management; Exercise; Instructors; Management; National Inspectors; and Supervisors. Additionally, six aviation security assistance workshops, namely National Civil Aviation Security Programme, National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme, National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme, Aviation Security Certification Systems, Airport Security Programme and the Risk Management Workshop are being delivered within the ASTC network and directly to States. As a result of the recent amendments to Annex 17 related to cargo and mail security, the Cargo Security Course was updated in February 2014. Also, the Screener Certification Programme Workshop was updated and renamed the Aviation Security Certification Systems Workshop in 2013.

3.5 The Secretariat, through the ISD-SEC Programme, the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), and the Implementation and Capacity Building Group (ICBWG) of the Technical Advisory Group on Machine Readable Travel Documents (TAG/MRTD), continued to provide assistance to States and international organizations on matters related to MRTDs. Two regional seminars aimed at providing advocacy and sharing best practices on MRTDs, biometrics and border security, were held in 2013; three workshops on travel document security and identification management in 2013 and the first two quarters of 2014; and one Seminar on MRTDs and Traveller Identification Management in the first quarter of 2014.