

**Final Declaration of  
Abu Dhabi International Conference on  
Arab Aviation Security**

7-9 February 2006

*The Directors General of Civil Aviation of the Arab countries,*

*Gathered* at the International Conference on Arab Civil Aviation held in Abu Dhabi upon the generous invitation of the United Arab Emirates during the period 8 to 10 Muharram 1427 H (7 to 9 February 2006),

*In cooperation* with the Arab Civil Aviation Commission and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and with the presence of representatives from the Arab League, the Arab Air Transport Association and the concerned international and regional organizations,

*Recognizing* the importance of civil aviation security in the Arab region and its role in promoting a highly efficient and effective air transport system,

*In keeping* with the efforts made on the international level to support aviation security from the regional and international perspectives and the requirements to establish an adequate mechanism to implement the international requirements of civil aviation,

*In view* of the importance and contribution of air transport in economic, social and tourism development among Arab countries and with the outside world, and of the required security protection,

*Recognizing* the utmost importance of global aviation security in light of the emerging threats to the security and safety of civil aviation,

*Believing in* the importance of Arab joint action based on the objectives of the Arab Civil Aviation Commission in strengthening cooperation in the various fields of civil aviation,

*Taking into consideration* the Air Transport Liberalization Agreement between Arab states signed in Damascus (dated 19 December 2004), referring to the importance of Arab civil aviation security,

*The International Arab Civil Aviation Conference declares the following:*

- \* The need to develop an Arab vision for strengthening Arab civil aviation security so as to address the challenges facing the air transport industry while guaranteeing the smooth flow of air traffic;
- \* To establish and implement a Joint Arab Action Plan to meet the needs of Arab states in the field of civil aviation security;

- \* To strengthen the principle of Arab, regional and international cooperation in the field of aviation security in accordance with the approach adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization and based on the experience of other regional groups in this field;
- \* To activate the role of the Arab Civil Aviation Commission in the field of civil aviation security through the promotion of joint actions, in cooperation and coordination with all parties concerned.

*In light of the above, the Conference has adopted the following recommendations:*

1. *To establish* a working group in the field of aviation security named “Arab Aviation Security Working group”, the aim of which will be to provide the necessary support and assistance to Arab states in meeting international requirements and standards, and to consider the new and emerging threats in the field of civil aviation security and the means to confront them;
2. *To request* the Arab Civil Aviation Commission to develop the Rules of Procedure for the above-mentioned Working group so as to include:
  - the criteria for the selection of experts
  - its working methods and approaches
  - its tasks and duties
  - its relationship with the Arab Civil Aviation Commission
  - its financing mechanism
3. *To invite* the Arab Civil Aviation Authorities to intensify the Arab presence in international forums and to strengthen their communication with regional and international organizations and bodies in the field of aviation security;
4. *To consider* the possible means to establish a financing mechanism for the programmes needed for development and provision of technical support in the field of aviation security.

**Chairman of the Conference**

**Mohamed Ghanem Al Gaith**

**Abu Dhabi – United Arab Emirates**

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