



**THIRD INTERREGIONAL AVIATION SECURITY
AND FACILITATION SEMINAR
13-15 October 2018**

Cairo, Egypt

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

1. GENERAL

1.1 Place and Duration

1.1.1 The 3rd Interregional Aviation Security and Facilitation Seminar was successfully held in Cairo, Egypt, 13-15 October 2018. The Seminar was gratefully hosted by the Ministry of Civil Aviation of Egypt under the patronage of H.E Lt/Gen Younis El Masry, Minister of Civil Aviation.

1.2 Attendance

1.2.1 The Seminar was attended by a total of fifty-nine (59) participants from fifteen (15) States (Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Italy, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates) and nine (9) International Organizations/Industries (ACAO, ASTC Toulouse, ASTC Tunis, DfT, ECAC, Interpol, TSA, UNHCR, and UNODC). The list of participants of the Third Interregional Aviation Security and Facilitation Seminar is at **Attachment A**.

1.3 Objective

1.3.1 The Seminar aimed to raise awareness on the recent regional AVSEC developments including the GASEP implementation, regional FAL developments and the NCLB Capacity Building and Training activities. The Seminar provided a forum for sharing expertise and experience for States, International and Regional Organizations, Aviation Security Partners, Service Providers and Industry Stakeholders. It also provided valuable panel sessions and opportunities for networking, collaboration and coordination.

1.4 Opening

1.4.1 Capt. Ahmed Adel, the Chairman of Egypt Air Holding Company, welcomed all participants to Egypt and thanked them for participating in the 3rd Interregional Aviation Security and Facilitation Seminar. He highlighted that the Seminar provides an important forum for sharing experiences by all stakeholders to enhance aviation security in the Region. Capt. Ahmed Adel reiterated the continuous support of ICAO to enhance aviation security and facilitation at the global and regional levels.

1.4.2 Mr. Luis De Fonseca, Regional Director, ICAO EUR/NAT, expressed his support for the joint organisation of 3rd Interregional Aviation Security and Facilitation seminar by the three ICAO Regional Offices (MID, EUR/NAT and AFI). He encouraged the participants to utilize this event as a beacon to harness best practice and share information pertaining to aviation security and facilitation.

1.4.3 Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma, Regional Director, ICAO Middle East, expressed ICAO's sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Egypt for hosting the 3rd Interregional Aviation Security and Facilitation seminar. He highlighted the main objectives of the Seminar and expected outcome.

1.4.4 The opening ceremony was concluded with the celebration of the inauguration of the new Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC) Cairo through handing the official Certificate and ICAO flag by the ICAO MID Regional Director, Mr. Mohamed Khalifa Rahma to Capt. Ahmed Adel, Chairman of Egypt Air Holding Company.

1.5 Work Programme

1.5.1 The Work Programme of the Seminar included the following subjects addressed by specific presentations and/or discussion panels:

- a. The regional roadmap to implement the GAsEP in the MID, EUR/NAT and African Regions
- b. Security Milestones Under No Country Left Behind
- c. Cybersecurity – experience with the first cybersecurity exercise
- d. Implementation of harmonized regulations in the East African Region
- e. Experience in developing and implementing an API system- the approach in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- f. The establishment of a National Air Transport Facilitation Programme by Qatar
- g. API and PNR from the airlines perspective by IATA
- h. Introduction to Sharaka Project
- i. Introduction to AIRCOP Project
- j. Quality Control in the GAsEP – first step in capacity building
- k. Experiences regarding exercises for AUI
- l. Landside Security from a capacity building prospective
- m. The role of ICAO ASTCs in GAsEP implementation with a focus on Capacity Building

1.5.2 A copy of the detailed Work Programme is available at:

<https://www.icao.int/MID/Documents/2018/Interregional%20AVSEC%20and%20FAL%20Seminar/Interregional%20AVSEC%20FAL%20Seminar%20-%20Prov.%20Agenda.pdf>

2. SUMMARY AND OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS

2.1.1 The Seminar provided a balance between the time allocated to presentations covering concepts and practical experiences and a forum for open discussions, exchange of knowledge and experience. It provided valuable Panel Sessions and opportunities for networking, collaboration and coordination, as well as sharing of experiences. Much thought and effort had been put into the development of the presentations by the speakers who have been thanked for the time and effort they dedicated to the Seminar and the enthusiasm and commitment to their subjects.

2.1.2 All the presentations are available at:

<https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/2018/Interregional%20AVSEC%20FAL%20Seminar.aspx>

Summary

2.1.3 This seminar emphasized the importance for all States and Stakeholders to contribute to the effective and efficient implementation of the GAsEP by taking their responsibilities at State level and based on the respective regional roadmap, as appropriate.

2.1.4 ICAO Regional Offices introduced the security milestones in Africa, MID and EUR/NAT Regions under the “No Country Left Behind Initiative (NCLB) including the challenges faced, which still need to be addressed and managed.

2.1.5 States and Organizations noted with appreciation the various experiences shared by States, Stakeholders and the Airline industry pertaining to AVSEC/FAL including the various capacity building initiatives/activities shared by the ICAO MID and ESAF Offices, States and ECAC, in particular the shared information with regards to challenges faced and best practices recommended when developing national legislation or a national facilitation programme.

2.1.6 Each day was concluded with a Panel Discussion among all speakers for each day's sessions with a summary presentation before the closing ceremony on day 3.

Outcomes

2.1.7 States and Organizations recognized the leadership role of ICAO in coordinating and implementing the GAsEP and respective regional roadmaps and agreed to continue coordinated work towards enhancement of aviation security by implementing the GAsEP and respective regional roadmaps.

2.1.8 States and Organization underlined the need to implement an Advance Passenger Information (API) System and the various requirements to be adhered to.

2.1.9 The seminar highlighted the importance of the commitment and responsibility of recipient States and delivering entities in capacity building projects and training. It was emphasized that all implementation projects and capacity building initiatives need to be coordinated with ICAO through the Regional Offices.

2.1.10 The seminar also introduced the implementation of harmonized regulations in the East African Region in the field of air transport and noted the success of the Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA) including guidance and assistance to States and sharing of experts.

2.1.11 The Turkish Directorate General of Civil aviation representative presented an introductory session on their cybersecurity work and the cybersecurity exercise performed underlining the fact that many key players are involved in mitigating cyber threats and the importance to establish solid regulations and cross-cutting coordination among all key players.

2.1.12 The seminar noted with appreciation the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority experience in establishing National Air Transport Facilitation Programme and leadership to share best practice.

2.1.13 ASTC Toulouse, Tunis and Dubai underlined the importance of the ASTC network in contributing in the development of new training packages, delivering of training and contributing to security culture and human capabilities including the implementation of the GAsEP.

2.1.14 The participants commended the introductory role of different initiatives and projects, such as Sharaka (INTERPOL), AIRCOP (UNODC), to enhance the security level of States; and agreed to support further cooperation among ICAO, UNODC and INTERPOL in the implementation of API system.

2.1.15 States and Organizations noted with appreciation the experiences shared by Jordan's Queen Alia's Airport Security Director regarding the training and exercise on the response to Acts of Unlawful Interference (AUI), Landside Security and Quality Control.

2.1.16 ICAO Regional Offices emphasized the importance of the ICAO "No Country Left Behind (NCLB)" Initiative promoting capacity building and provisions of assistance to States with highest needs and underlined the need of appropriate coordination between all Stakeholders to avoid duplication of efforts and confusion of States.



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