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Agenda Item 6: Aviation Security and Facilitation

**AVIATION SECURITY COLLABORATION BETWEEN ICAO AND IATA IN
THE MIDDLE EAST REGION**

(Presented by International Air Transport Association)

SUMMARY

ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP), Priority 5, urges State's appropriate authorities responsible for aviation security to "Increasing collaboration between and within States will enable the key security objectives to be achieved more quickly and efficiently."

The paper highlights the importance of a collaboration between the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) with respect to aviation security issues in the Middle East Region (MID).

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Keeping in view that international cooperation is critical to achieving effective security outcomes, ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP), Priority 5, urges State's appropriate authorities responsible for aviation security to **"Increasing collaboration between and within States will enable the key security objectives to be achieved more quickly and efficiently."**

1.2 The GASeP aims to foster amongst ICAO, States, industry, and stakeholders a greater commitment to enhancing global aviation security. The Roadmap for the implementation of the GASeP includes 32 actions under the 5 key priority outcomes – 94 tasks/activities for ICAO, States and Industry – 30 tasks/activities directly related to Industry.

1.3 IATA has identified 5 Aviation Security Strategy and Objectives for implementation of the GASeP:

- Strategic P1 - Be the first and reliable point of contact for association members and appropriate authorities in terms of industry outreach on aviation security. Threat-led, risk managed.
- Strategic P2 - Reduce airline security cost and improve/facilitate understanding of protective security value.
- Strategic P3 - Be the lead association in promoting, supporting innovation and development of a forward-thinking culture in aviation security.

- Strategic P4 - Lead, support, promote, consult, and advise on international, regional and industry standards, regulations, recommended practices, guidance, and best practices.

- Strategic P5 - Develop an industry-led Cyber/digital security strategy with the core focus on preventing and defending against intentional acts of electronic interference and/or acts of unlawful interference.

1.4 Considering the ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP), Priority 5 and the IATA Aviation Security Strategy and Objectives for implementation of the GASeP, and the “*Leave No Country Behind*” initiative, IATA endeavours to work closely with ICAO to assist states to enhance aviation security capacity and effectiveness in the Middle East Region.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The GASeP states that all aviation stakeholders need to be involved in the effort to continually improve aviation security. The GASeP provides a common frame of reference for all stakeholders and identifies the roles played by ICAO, States and industry.

2.2 On May 27, 2019, the ICAO-MID Regional Director met with members of the IATA Africa and Middle East (AME) Regional Office in Amman, Jordan to discuss regional cooperation between IATA and ICAO.

2.3 At this meeting, in the area of Security and Facilitation it was agreed that ICAO and IATA would work together in the following areas: IATA support for ICAO MID Security and Facilitation; Cooperation between IATA and ICAO on assessments and working groups for SECFAL; IATA support to ICAO on the ICAO risk working group for MID; Joint ICAO and IATA engagements and workshops for States considering API/PNR programs in the MID region; ICAO and IATA collaboration for related events and workshops; and ICAO MID to support IATA’s support engagements with airports in the region offering AVSEC Technical Assistance Missions.

2.4 This agreement on cooperation could translate into providing joint IATA and ICAO capacity development activities such as training, workshops, needs analysis, and technical assistance missions.

2.5 This approach is consistent with the ICAO MID REGION SECFAL ROADMAP for GASeP Priority 5 which states that looks to increase assistance and support for capacity building initiatives and increase cooperation and reduce duplication of effort between stakeholders under the MID RASFG framework.

2.6 To this end, IATA strongly urges the authorities and all stakeholders to work with both ICAO and IATA in enhancing aviation security in the MID Region by accessing joint initiatives offered by both organizations.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) note that cooperation between ICAO and IATA is important for a sustainable and effective aviation security system; and
- b) promote the rapid update of all existing awareness training for including incident reporting, using the free-of-charge IATA See it Report it or any other equivalent tool.