INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

MIDDLE EAST OFFICE

REGIONAL LANDSIDE SECURITY WEBINAR

(Virtual, 12 February 2025)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

1.   PLACE AND DURATION

1.1   The Regional Landside Security Webinar was successfully held virtually, on 12 February 2025, using MS Teams. The Webinar was organized as a joint event between the ICAO Middle East Regional Office and the Airports Council International (ACI) - Asia-Pacific & Middle East.

2.   OPENING

2.1   The Webinar was opened by Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, Deputy Regional Director, Middle East Office, who welcomed all the participants. Mr. Smaoui recalled the recognition of the need to substitute recommendations in relation to landside security to standard to prevent acts of unlawful interference in view of the related incidents. He emphasized the need to consider the involvement of multiple authorities and entities considering that the delimitation of the landside differs considerably from airport to airport and is under the appreciation of the national authorities.

2.2   Mr. Smaoui highlighted the objective and agenda of the Webinar and thanked all the participants for their attendance wishing them a successful Webinar.

3.   ATTENDANCE

3.1   The Webinar was attended by a total of twenty-eight (28) participants from five (5) States (Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Qatar and Saudi Arabia) and three (3) International Organizations/Industries (ACI, ASTC Bahrain and ASTC Lebanon). The list of participants is at **Attachment A**.

4.   OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

4.1   Mrs. Samiha Al Busaidi, ICAO Regional Officer, Aviation Security and Facilitation (RO/ASF) was the main Facilitator of the Webinar supported by Mr. Gary Lueng, Senior Manager, Security and Facilitation, Asia-Pacific & Middle East who extended appreciation to all participants for accepting the invitation to actively participate in the Webinar.

5.   LANGUAGE

5.1   Discussions were conducted in English language.

6.   OBJECTIVE

6.1   The main objective of the Webinar was to focus on providing an insight on the ammended ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) in relation to landside security. The Webinar also aimed to provide a forum to share the States' experiences in the implementation of the ICAO SARPs.

7.   DISCUSSIONS

AGENDA ITEM 1:   INTERNATIONAL / LEGAL INSTRUMENTS BY ICAO MID

7.1   The Secretariat delivered a presentation on the latest amendment of Annex 17 (Amendment 18) highlighting SARP related to landside security mainly in the identification of landside parameters and designation of responsible entities, inclusion of landside security in the training programme and its elements and the application of monitoring activities.

7.2   Mrs. Al Busaidi emphasized the importance of the application of risk assessment in the identification of parameters and the application of measures to ensure the adaptation of the measures to the potential threat.

7.3	The Webinar was apprised of the global and regional USAP-CMA indicative compliance to Annex 17 SARPs in relation to landside security.

7.4	The need to monitor the implementation of landside security measures and assess its effectiviness through the application of appropriate quality control activities was underlined.

**AGENDA ITEM 2:	LANDSIDE SECURITY AT AIRPORTS BY ACI**

7.5	The subject was presented by Mr. Gary Leung, Senior Manager – Security & Facilitation of ACI Asia-Pacific & Middle East, who expressed appreciation to the ICAO MID Office for inviting ACI to co-hosting this landside security webinar.

7.6	Mr. Leung highlighted major challenges faced by airports on landside security and provided an overview of ACI's initiatives in assisting airports to strengthen landside area protection.

7.7	The ACI Landside Handbook was shared with all attendees of the Webinar. The Handbook is available on the ICAO MID Office website at: https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/2025/LandsideSecurityWebinar.aspx

**AGENDA ITEM 3:	LANDSIDE SECURITY STATE IMPLEMENTATION**

7.8	The State of Qatar represented by Mr. Ahmed Al Majid, highlighted the scope of landside security responsibilities as established by the Qatari National Civil Aviation Security Programme and illustrated the threat level associated to landside security based on risk assessment and the applied landside oversight activities.

7.9	The State of Bahrain, represented by Mr. Atef Ajili, demonstrated the use of Risk Assessment in the identification of landside parameters and the security measures to mitigate threats. The Webinar was apprised of Bahrain's Risk Methodology, Metric and Threat Possibility Scenarios as well as the involved entities collaborating.

7.10	The Webinar noted Bahrain's recommendations and best practices in relation to landside security.

7.11	The State of Jordan, represented by Mr. Mahmoud Al Kurdi, provided the Webinar with the CARC's national requirements and approval of national level documentation as is a preliminary monitoring step. Jordan demonstrated their landside security related quality control planning and activities illustrating samples of checklists and execution of quality control activities including testing.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:	DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY**

7.12	The Webinar addressed the queries raised by participants in relation to best practices for the implementation of security measures.

7.13	The State of Iraq, represented by Major General Hayder Ghali, shared with the attendees Iraq's experience in the implementation of preventive measures to deter landside security acts of unlawful interference.

7.14	In summary:

> ➤ The Secretariat reiterated its commitment to support accredited member States to implement the related AVSEC/FAL SARPs.

➢ States were urged to revise their national documentation to reflect the latest amendments of Annex 17 and Annex 9 SARPs and improve the identification of restricted and public areas, improve security measures of public areas and the oversight mechanism.

➢ Landside security involves issues of interagency coordination, thus States were urged to improve interagency coordination.

➢ States were reminded of Standard 2.4.3 and Recommendation 2.4.6 under 2.4 International Coordination and were encouraged to share their experiences.

8. CLOSING

8.1 In closing, the Secretariat reiterated their appreciation to ACI-Asia-Pacific & Middle East for co-hosting the Webinar and expressed their appreciation to the technical team supporting the Webinar, the speakers and the attendees for their active participation and support.

8.2 The participants thanked ICAO-MID and ACI-Asia-Pacific & Middle East for organizing the Webinar.

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