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**DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AFRICAN  
AVIATION SECURITY ROAD MAP**

(Presented by 53 Contracting States<sup>1</sup>, Members of the African Civil Aviation Commission)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper presents the development and implementation of an African Aviation Security Road Map derived from the various Aviation Security declarations and action plans adopted by African Ministers in charge of civil aviation security, consistent with the ICAO Comprehensive Aviation Security Strategy.

**Action:** The Assembly is:

- a) invited to note the work done in Africa on the Development and Implementation of an Aviation Security Road Map; and
- b) requested to direct the Council to assist with the implementation of the African Aviation Security Road Map by providing technical and capacity support.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objective B – Security, <i>Enhance global civil aviation security</i>
<i>Financial implications:</i>	No financial implications
<i>References:</i>	Declaration on Aviation Security in Africa signed by the African Ministers responsible for Air Transport, Addis Ababa – 11 May 2007 Conference organised by ICAO and hosted by the Ethiopian Government, November 2007 Regional Conference on Civil Aviation Security, Abuja, Nigeria, April 11 – 13 April 2010 A37-WP/17 — Implementation Support and Development Programme Doc 9902, <i>Assembly Resolution in Force ( as of 28 September 2007)</i>

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## 1. **BACKGROUND – ADOPTION OF JOINT DECLARATION AND ACTION PLAN**

1.1 The Ministers in charge of civil aviation security in Africa declared in Addis Ababa in 2007 their intent to reposition aviation security in Africa. Subsequent to the events of 25 December 2009, on flight 253, ICAO encouraged Member States to make collaborated efforts to address this new threat. To this end, the conference of African Ministers responsible for civil aviation in collaboration with the African Union, African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), ICAO and other non-African ICAO Member States met at Abuja from 11 to 13 April 2010 and adopted a joint declaration.

## 2. **ACTION PLAN**

2.1 In pursuance of the above, African Ministers in charge of civil aviation security adopted the action plan, which is available on the AFCAC website ([www.afcac.org](http://www.afcac.org)).

## 3. **REGIONAL COOPERATION**

3.1 One of the major activities of the Implementation Support and Development (ISD) Programme of ICAO is the provision of assistance to Member States in support of their efforts to rectify deficiencies identified under the Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) and to comply with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). Such assistance focuses on:

- development of a State's infrastructure sustainability
- development and review of national security-related programmes
- providing in-State aviation security training
- providing in-State aviation security exercise

3.2 In order to further develop regionalised aviation security assistance to States and continue to foster regional cooperation and partnerships, Aviation Security Regional Officers (ASROs) have been recruited for ICAO Regional Offices. ASROs serve as the primary focal point for States requiring assistance with respect to audits and general assistance in the implementation of Annex 17. They have also assumed the responsibility of being the operational focal point for all training activities within their respective regions. Additionally, they actively provide ISD with advice regarding regional training needs and regionalized assistance.

## 4. **CONCLUSION**

4.1 Given the importance of the implementation stage, African States, through AFCAC, are in support of joint initiatives, and the participation of other role players and the critical role ISD needs to play.

4.2 African States will continue to support the efforts of ISD initiatives in the Regions. It is critical to consider the human resource capacity of ISD, both at Headquarters and in the Regions.