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INITIATIVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION PLATFORMS

(Presented by Colombia)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Working Paper invites the Assembly to revise the draft Resolution contained in Working Paper A36-WP/27 EX/5, *Consolidated Statement of Continuing ICAO Policies Related to the Safeguarding of International Civil Aviation against Acts of Unlawful Interference*, in order to introduce guidance on the development of technological platforms which help to support the Point of Contact Network so that States have timely and efficient access to information. This development should also contribute to the construction of a platform enabling the distribution of security information related to threats to civil aviation.

Action: The Assembly is invited to:

- take note of the content of this working paper;
- consider the importance of incorporating the text proposed in section 3 of this Working Paper into the Consolidated Statement.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This Working Paper will further Strategic Objective B by enhancing global aviation security through strengthening ICAO policies related to the safeguarding of international civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference.
<i>Financial implications:</i>	No additional resources required.
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly Resolution A35-9• Annex 17 (2.4.2 - 2.4.3 - 2.4.4)

¹ Spanish version provided by Colombia.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Working Paper A36-WP/27 EX/5, presented to the Assembly for review and amendment as required, invites the Assembly to adopt a Resolution on a Consolidated Statement of continuing ICAO policies related to the safeguarding of international civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference. Paragraph 2.1 b) of the aforementioned Working Paper emphasizes the importance of the Aviation Security Point of Contact (PoC) Network, established for the communication of imminent threats to civil air transport operations, with the objective to provide a network of international aviation security contacts within each State.

1.2 The concern of various United Nations agencies and international organizations with regard to the fight against world terrorism against aviation has led to the establishment of a series of global strategies, emphasizing the importance of the timely flow of information among States as a mechanism to combat and/or prevent imminent threats to aviation.

1.3 Civil aviation has demonstrated this need, and so much so that in its latest amendment to Annex 17, ICAO stipulates that each Contracting State shall establish and implement procedures to share with other Contracting States threat information that applies to the aviation security interests of those States, and shall establish and implement protection and handling procedures for security information in order to ensure that inappropriate use or disclosure of such information is avoided.

1.4 There are some regional initiatives which seek to integrate the points of contact or those in charge of said points and enable their activation through the use of the appropriate kinds of technology, making it important to have guidance as to their functionality.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 It is clear that in order to reach the objectives of sensitive aviation security information-sharing, there is a need for encoded or advanced technology systems which are interconnected and which guarantee security when such information is shared between States.

2.2 It is also important to consider that any additional data-handling and information-sharing system implemented globally or regionally will benefit the ICAO Point of Contact Network, providing a reliable and effective tool for the timely exchange of information, thereby contributing to the fulfilment of its purpose.

2.3 Insofar as information is accurate and flows rapidly, emerging threats can be counteracted, crisis management can be improved, and acts of unlawful interference can be prevented more effectively. The participation of each State's experts is thus necessary in order for technological information platforms to be established and their functionality to be defined.

3. CONCLUSIONS

3.1 In view of the above, the Assembly is invited to consider incorporating the following text into Appendix G, *Action by the Council with respect to multilateral and bilateral cooperation in different regions of the world*, of the proposed Resolution:

“x – *Urges* the Council, through the Regional Offices, to promote initiatives which enable the establishment of technological platforms for the exchange of aviation security information among Contracting States.”

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