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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "AVIATION SECURITY: 40 YEARS OF SERVICE IN CIVIL AVIATION OF RUSSIA"

(Presented by the Russian Federation)

This paper contains the information on the International Conference "Aviation Security: 40 years of Service in Civil Aviation of Russia" held in Moscow, Russian Federation, on 12 July 2013. Action: The Assembly is invited to note the contents of the present paper. Strategic Objectives: This working paper relates to Strategic Objective B — Security. Financial implications: References: Annex 17 — Security

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 It is difficult to imagine a modern state without a modern transport complex system and particularly without civil aviation. At the same time safe and secure functioning of such a complex cannot be exercised without its sustainable development as a whole and in the context of its reliable protection from the outer impact acts of unlawful interference.
- 1.2 Special attention by the Russian Federation leadership and bodies of the state power is paid to safeguarding passengers, crew members and civil aviation personnel from acts of unlawful interference and terrorist manifestations.
- 1.3 It is well known that terrorists pay particular attention to air transport. Acts of air terrorism pose an increased social risk. They endanger life and well-being of people, property and do violence to the international law, state sovereignty and aggravate international relations.
- Due to the surge of acts of unlawful interference with civil aviation activity in Russia, in the 1970s it was decided to clamp down on the seizure and hijack of aircraft. On July 12 1973, in accordance with the Decree of the Government of the Soviet Union, the Aviation Security Department was created within the structure of the USSR Ministry of Civil Aviation to achieve the umbrella approach to timely prevention and suppression of possible attempts of aircraft hijack and other criminal acts against civil aviation.

2. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

- On July 12, 2013 an International Conference "Aviation Security: 40 years of Service in Civil Aviation of Russia" was held in Moscow, Russian Federation. The Conference was attended by more than 300 delegates from the bodies of state power, major airlines, enterprises and organizations of the Russian Federation as well as representatives of the Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Ukraine, ICAO, International Air Transport Association (IATA), Interstate Aviation Committee (MAK) and other states and international organizations.
- 2.2 In relation to the remarkable date an anniversary edition of a book has been issued, which contains the history of creation and buildup of the aviation security system in Russia.
- 2.3 The Conference was welcomed by Mr. Valery Okulov, Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation, who noted importance, fruitful activity and high professionalism of security specialists and read out welcome addresses of Mr. Igor Levitin, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation, and Mr. Maxim Sokolov, Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation.
- 2.4 The presentation of Mr. Vladimir Chertok, Deputy Director of the Federal Authority for Transport Oversight, became a major event of the Conference; he spoke about the activity of the Aviation Security Service of Russia and its role in the protection of life and well-being of passengers, crew members and other persons from acts of unlawful interference.
- 2.5 Special mention should be made with regard to participation in the Conference of representatives of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Mr. Jim Marriott, Chief of the Aviation Security Branch, and Mrs. Cornelia Ludorf, Regional Aviation Security Officer, ICAO European/North Atlantic Office, who dwelled into the issues of international cooperation and warmly welcomed the participants of the Conference and aviation security veterans at the same time noting expanding cooperation between ICAO and the Russian Federation in the field of aviation security.

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- 2.6 An IATA representative read out a welcome address of Mr. Antony Tyler, Director General & Chief Executive Officer of IATA, who wished the Conference success and fruitful work.
- 2.7 In their presentations the Delegates noted significant results and high professionalism of the participants of the aviation security process.
- 2.8 The International Conference summed up the aviation security activity in the Russian Federation and in the international field, defined the tactics and strategy for the future and supported the decisions of the ICAO High-level Aviation Security Conference and 24th Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel.

3. **CONCLUSION**

3.1 The Assembly is invited to note the information presented in this paper.