ASSEMBLY — 38TH SESSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DRAFT TEXT FOR THE REPORT
ON
AGENDA ITEM 14

The attached material on Agenda Item 14 is submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee.

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Agenda Item   14:   Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP)

14.1   At its sixth meeting, the Executive Committee considered the Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) on the basis of WP/16 in which was provided a comprehensive report by the Council on the completion of the second cycle of the USAP, together with a report on the future of the USAP beyond 2013; also provided was an implementation plan for the transition to the next phase of the Programme (WP/15).

14.2   The Russian Federation, in WP/230, emphasized the importance of moving to a continuous monitoring approach in order to provide a more progressive and effective approach to aviation security at the global, regional and State levels. The Russian Federation also requested that the existing principle of limited transparency of USAP audit results be maintained.

14.3   The Dominican Republic, in Information Paper WP/168, outlined its experience in establishing and maintaining an effective aviation security quality control oversight system in order to identify, prevent and rectify deficiencies in the civil aviation security oversight system in a timely manner.

14.4   In Information Paper WP/328 the Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS) reported on activities since the 37th Assembly of ICAO, including the creation of an aviation security standing committee.

14.5   The Executive Committee noted the overall success achieved by the USAP during the second cycle of USAP audits and the role played by these audits in identifying deficiencies, targeting assistance activities and developing new auditing strategies. It was noted, however, that much work is still required from States to strengthen aviation security and address the findings identified by the USAP.

14.6   The Executive Committee welcomed the decision to evolve the USAP to a continuous monitoring approach (USAP-CMA) and endorsed the USAP-CMA transition plan as outlined in WP/15.