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GROUP (AVSEC/FAL/RG/4)**

ICAO NACC Regional Office, Mexico City, Mexico, 3 to 5 June 2014

Agenda Item 5: Programmes and Projects - Facilitation (FAL)
5.1 Report on Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs)/Implementation of Annex 9 Standards and Recommended Practices regarding MRTDs Project

POLICY COOPERATION ON MACHINE READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (MRTD)

(Presented by Dominican Republic)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
The following working paper presents the results of the Implementation of Annex 9 – <i>Facilitation</i> Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), related to the Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTD) Project.	
Action:	Action is presented in Section 3.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Security and Facilitation
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Report of the ICAO/CLAC AVSEC/FAL/RG/1 Meeting</i>, held in Asuncion, Paraguay, 25 to 27 May 2011• <i>Conclusions of the Second Meeting of the Regional Group on Aviation Security and Facilitation NAM/CAR/SAM ICAO/CLAC AVSEC/FAL/RG/2</i>, held in Antigua and Barbuda, 14 to 18 May 2012• <i>Conclusions of the Third Meeting of the Regional Group on Aviation Security and Facilitation AVSEC/FAL/RG/3</i>, held in Lima, Peru, from 17 to 21 June 2013

1. Introduction

1.1 In the framework of the First Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/1), held in Asuncion, Paraguay, from 25 to 27 May 2011, it was agreed that performing LACAC activities within its Strategic Plan under the AVSEC/FAL macro-task were distributed among the different States of the region to herein after they could perform this tasks as Coordinator States, assuming Dominican Republic as Coordinator State of the Harmonization and Unification task on AVSEC and FAL Decisions of LACAC and of the MRTD Cooperation Policy.

1.2 This task was called: Implementation of Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 9, related with MRTD.

1.3 In the Second AVSEC/FAL/ RG Meeting, Antigua and Barbuda, 14 to 18 May 2012, Dominican Republic presented the Working Paper 11 (AVSEC/FAL/RG/2/NE/11), corresponding to the progress of the Machine Readable Travel Documents Identification/Biometric Identification Project. Due to the few responses received from NAM/CAR/SAM States, Dominican Republic, as Project Coordinator, requested to extend the deadline for States to complete the questionnaire and to analyze the received responses.

1.4 In that order, the Secretariat asked the participants to consider this important questionnaire and an extension period was approved at the meeting. To facilitate the process, the Secretariat published, in the Meeting's website, the questionnaire and communications to States, issued by the NACC and SAM Regional Offices in January 2012.

1.5 During the Third AVSEC/FAL/ RG Meeting, Lima, Peru, 17 to 21 June 2013, Dominican Republic presented the Working Paper 09, through which reported that not all NAM / CAR and SAM States responded to the MRTD questionnaire. The WP urged States to respond as soon as possible in order to complete data analysis. A 30-day term was provided to the States to respond about this issue to the Secretariat.

2. Activities

2.1 In drafting the working paper to be presented at the Fourth AVSEC/FAL/RG Meeting, to be held from 3 to 5 June 2014 in Mexico City, Mexico, the AVSEC/FAL/RG/ ICAO/LACAC Secretariat was asked to provide information from the received Member States responses.

2.2 In response to our E-mail sent in March 2014 to the AVSEC/FALRG ICAO/LACAC Secretariat, we have been informed that none of the group colleagues sent information regarding the questionnaire. However, because of shared information with the ICAO/American States Organization Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (OAS-CICTE) on security of travel documents and identity management implemented in the region, we know that all States are issuing machine readable passports, and some an E-passport with more biometric information.

3. Suggested Actions

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) submit this paper for consideration by the Assembly; and
- b) invite those States that have not responded to the questionnaire to do so, to have the widest possible updated data for the presented Working Paper.

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