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Agenda Item 3:	**Global and Regional Developments**
	3.1 **ICAO Global Activities related to Aviation Security and Facilitation**

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AVIATION SECURITY POLICY

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This document presents information on recent developments in aviation security policy stemming from policy discussions during the Twenty-seventh Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP/27), which was convened in Montréal, Canada, from 14 to 18 March 2016, the and the 208th Session of the Council (April to June 2016). The topics are grouped under three key areas, namely: Amendment 15 to Annex 17, the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP), and key policy priorities to be presented to the 39th ICAO Assembly.

Strategic Objectives:	• Security & Facilitation
References:	• Twenty-seventh Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP/27

1.   Introduction

1.1   The Twenty-seventh Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP/27) was convened in Montréal, Canada, from 14 to 18 March 2016. The meeting was attended by 23 of the 27 Members of the Panel accompanied by 55 advisers. In addition to attendance by members and their advisers, 77 delegates participated as observers nominated by 20 Member States and 13 international organizations and industry associations.

1.2   The meeting considered seven agenda items and formulated 50 conclusions and 52 recommendations, taking into account related implications of the Malaysia Airlines MH 17 (17 July 2014), Germanwings 9525 (24 March 2015), Metrojet 9268 (31 October 2015) and Dallo Airlines 159 (2 February 2016) incidents, as well as emerging risk areas such as cybersecurity and remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS). Of particular significance is the proposed Amendment 15 to Annex 17 — *Security*, and the Secretariat's proposal for the transition of the *ICAO Comprehensive Aviation Security Strategy* (ICASS) into a Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP).

1.3   The Council (208/3) endorsed all of the AVSECP/27 recommendations. Specifically with regard to landside security provisions, it agreed to introduce a new Standard and elevate existing Recommended Practices to Standards.

2.   Discussion

2.1   **Proposed Amendment 15 to Annex 17** will be presented to Council for adoption during its 209th Session in November 2016, and is envisaged to become applicable in July 2017. It includes new and/or revised provisions on behavioural detection, innovation in aviation security, Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS), risk assessments, cybersecurity and landside security. Specifically with regard to provisions concerning landside security, the Council took into account the escalating threat of terrorist attacks on landside areas of airports, combined with recent terrorist incidents in crowded places, both in airports and non-aviation locations, and decided to elevate existing Recommended Practices on landside security to Standards.

2.2   Both the Panel and the Committee on Unlawful Interference expressed general support for the **development of a Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP)**, a process of which is expected to be endorsed by the 39th Assembly. Noting ICAO's experience with the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), the Panel and the Committee considered the initiative to be a priority for ICAO in light of the aviation security risk context. The need for the GASeP to reflect holistic and shared ambitions and responsibilities at the global level, meet specific needs of States and regions, and be relevant in guiding all States, international and regional organizations and industry to enhance civil aviation security was stressed. A draft Assembly Working Paper on the GASeP is being finalized, and will contain: GASeP key themes, indicative set of goals and targets; GASeP document structure; and proposed roadmap and timelines.

2.3   The following are considered **key policy priorities in aviation security to be presented to the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly**, which will be convened from 27 September to 7 October 2016 in Montreal:

> a)   draft Assembly Working Paper on the **proposed draft Assembly Resolution A39-xx**, Consolidated Statement on Continuing ICAO Policies Related to Aviation Security;

b)   draft Assembly Working Paper on **Addressing Cybersecurity in Civil Aviation**. A Cybersecurity Draft Assembly Resolution will be presented to the 39th Assembly, which reflects a cross-cutting, horizontal approach; and

c)   draft Assembly Working Paper on the **ICAO Comprehensive Aviation Security Strategy (ICASS)**, which provides an update on the implementation of the strategy for the 2014-2016 triennium. The paper also proposes an extension of the ICASS until the GASeP is fully developed and approved in full for implementation.

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