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Agenda Item 2: Previous Meeting Conclusions

**ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR AND SAM AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION REGIONAL GROUP
 (AVSEC/FAL/RG) ACTIVITIES**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
<p>This working paper presents information on the progress on the Conclusions and projects agreed during the Seventh Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR and SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/7).</p>	
Action:	Suggested action is presented in Section 4.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security & Facilitation
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to the Eighth Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR and SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/8), Mexico City, Mexico, 13 to 17 August 2018. State Letters NACC73103, 7 May 2018, and SAM SA178, 14 May 2018. • Invitation – Civil Aviation Cyber Security Workshop, Montego Bay, Jamaica, 20 - 23 March 2018; State Letters NACC71408, 24 January 2018, and SAM SA028, 29 January 2018. • Final Report of the Seventh Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR and SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/7), held in Lima, Peru, 4 - 6 October 2017. State Letter SAM437, dated 7 November 2017, and NACC70279, dated 20 December 2017.

1. Introduction

1.1 The AVSEC/FAL/RG/7 meeting was held at the premises of the ICAO SAM Regional Office in Lima, Peru, from 4 to 6 October 2017. This event was attended by 19 States/Territories from the NAM/CAR/SAM Regions and five International Organizations, totalling 56 delegates as indicated in the list of participants, and IATA as international organization, besides the Latin American Commission (LACAC) and ICAO that are part of the joint Secretary of the Regional Group.

1.2 The Meeting analysed the work programme and, based on the progress and results of the implementation of the projects, as well as on its deliberations, needs and agreements, the Terms of Reference, Programme and Working Projects were updated. The Meeting agreed that Working Group on the Strategic Plan headed by Argentina review the Strategic Plan of the Regional Group and align with the ICAO Global Plan for Aviation Security (GASeP) objectives and priority areas as well as amend the Terms of Reference accordingly.

1.3 An Alignment of the Strategic Plan of the AVSEC/FAL Regional Group with the GASeP Workshop was conducted at the ICAO SAM Regional Office in Lima, Peru, from 7 to 11 May 2018, where a preliminary regional roadmap was developed to harmonize activities at global level and at the same time to keep the premise of protect the civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference in the region.

1.4 Honouring the agreement of the AVSEC/FAL/RG/5, the draft report was reviewed and approved by the plenary. The Meeting accepted and approved seven conclusions that are presented in the **Appendix** to this working paper. The final report was disseminated by the joint Secretariat of ICAO NACC and SAM Regional Offices, and LACAC with the State Letter SAM 437, dated 7 November 2017, and NACC70279, dated 20 December 2017, respectively.

2. Progress of the Conclusions and decisions of the AVSEC/FAL/RG/7 Meeting

2.1 With respect to *Conclusion 7/1 - Effective answer to request for comments from the States on Amendment 16 to Annex 17, the GASeP and other requests from ICAO*, and considering that the response and participation from the States to the comments requested by ICAO on different activities and documents related to aviation security and facilitation, continues to be a great regional deficiency, due to answers takes too long to be received, or definitively, they are not received, providing an understanding that States agree with new provisions that are being adopted. Therefore, this matter turns into a need of a mandatory attention from Civil Aviation Authorities to appropriately address all ICAO requests related with AVSEC and FAL.

2.2 Regarding Conclusion 7/2 - *Workshop on the Aviation security management systems (SeMS) programme*, Colombia confirmed that will host the workshop which will be conducted from 18 to 21 September 2018 in Bogota, Colombia, and the invitations were sent by joint Secretariat of ICAO NACC and SAM Regional Offices, and LACAC with the State Letter SAM 259, dated 19 July 2018, and NACC74235, dated 13 July 2018, respectively. This event will have English/Spanish simultaneous interpretation, and therefore States are encouraged to participate in this planned event.

2.3 With regards to Conclusion 7/3 – *Report on the Coordination among States to standardise procedures for auditing their aviation security systems Programme*, Argentina honoured its offer to translate the auditing procedures presented by Brazil in Portuguese, and completed the translation that will be presented in Agenda Item 4 of the AVSEC/FAL/RG/8 Meeting.

2.4 Regarding Conclusion 7/4 - *Workshop on civil aviation cybersecurity*, as offered by Jamaica, an invitation was sent to all States to participate in this workshop that was held in Montego Bay, Jamaica from 20 to 23 March 2018. Further information on the training material will be discussed on Agenda Item 4 of the AVSEC/FAL/RG/8 Meeting-

2.5 Additionally, with regards to Conclusions 7/5, 7/6 and 7/7 the Coordinators of each Project will present to the plenary of the AVSEC/FAL/RG/8 the results achieved according with the Conclusion of the Seventh AVSEC/FAL/RG Meetings.

3. Conclusion

3.1 As agreed in different Director General Meetings of the Civil Aviation Authorities, States are urged to support the participation of their AVSEC and FAL units in the AVSEC/FAL/RG activities not only to take advantage from the successful results of the different projects and developed guidance material by the Regional Group, but also to share their expertise and different situations with other States or to assist other member States in need. Also it is important that Civil Aviation Authorities establish or update specific internal mechanisms and procedures to ensure timely and appropriate response from their States to ICAO requests, and at the same time to take the appropriate provisions, mostly when the matter involves new ICAO standards and recommended practices on aviation security and/or facilitation. These procedures should be shared with the joint Secretariat of the AVSEC/FAL/RG in an agreed fixed time limit.

3.2 Furthermore, considering that the GASeP and the future implementation of the endorsed NAM/CAR and SAM Regional Roadmap requires the commitment and further efforts by the States and the stakeholders for an effective and efficient implementation of ICAO security and facilitation SARPs in order to achieve the expected increment in the percent of planned regional effective implementation in the Roadmap, which will result in the implicit improvement of their own national aviation security and facilitation systems, and the region.

4. Suggested actions

4.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) urge the appropriate authorities of Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL) of the NAM/CAR and SAM Regions to support their AVSEC and FAL Units representatives for an active and committed participation in the AVSEC/FAL/RG activities for the benefit of their own States and of the region;
- b) urge the NAM/CAR and SAM States' Civil Aviation Authorities to develop internal mechanisms and procedures to ensure timely and appropriate answers to ICAO requests to ensure timely and effective response to the ICAO AVSEC and FAL requests, and share those procedures with the AVSEC/FAL/RG joint Secretary; and
- c) encourage the NAM/CAR and SAM States' Civil Aviation Authorities to commit and extend further efforts for implementing the endorsed NAM/CAR and SAM Regional Roadmap GAsEP within their States including their aviation security stakeholders to be prepared for an effective and efficient implementation of the security standards to reach the

APPENDIX
List of Conclusions

Number	Title
7/1	<i>Effective answer to request for comments from the States on Amendment 16 to Annex 17, the GAsEP and other requests from ICAO</i>
7/2	<i>Workshop on the Aviation security management systems (SeMS) programme</i>
7/3	<i>Report on the Coordination among States to standardise procedures for auditing their aviation security systems Programme</i>
7/4	<i>Workshop on civil aviation cybersecurity</i>
7/5	<i>Facilitation instruction material programme</i>
7/6	<i>Workshop on identification of people with suspicious behaviour</i>
7/7	<i>Procedures for the implementation of the One-stop security (OSS) system</i>

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