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Agenda Item 6: Programmes and projects – Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL)
**6.3 Report on the revision of the Beijing Convention – Coordinator State:
Chile**

BEIJING CONVENTION

(Presented by Argentina, Chile, and Panama)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
As agreed at the Eighth meeting of the ICAO/LACAC AVSEC-FAL Regional Group, the results of the work carried out during the period between meetings are presented to the Group for its consideration and analysis.	
Action:	The suggested action is shown in item 3) of this working paper.
Strategic objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Security and facilitation
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter LE 3/44 – 18/74 dated 29 June 2018, Convention for the suppression of unlawful acts relating to international civil aviation, signed in Beijing on 10 September 2010.• Conclusions of the 8th meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM AVSEC/FAL/RG

1. Introduction

1.1 At the 8th meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM AVSEC/FAL/RG, Chile presented WP/17 on the Beijing Convention and its Protocol that became effective on 1 July 2018. The Beijing Convention modernises and consolidates the Convention for the suppression of unlawful acts against civil aviation security (Montreal Convention, 1971) and the Protocol for the suppression of unlawful acts of violence at airports serving international civil aviation (Supplementary protocol, 1988) by criminalising a number of acts considered as new threats against civil aviation (*e.g.*, use of an aircraft in service in order to cause death, serious body injury or serious damage to goods or the environment).

1.2 As noted in the aforementioned WP/17, the Beijing Convention requires States to strengthen their capacity to detect, identify, and intercept prohibited goods, since the transport of biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons and related material is now criminalised. Therefore, States must adjust their training material for security personnel to take into account these new threats recognised in the Convention.

1.3 In this regard, it was also noted that the guidelines contained in Annex 18, The safe transport of dangerous goods by air, Doc 9284 AN/905, Technical instructions for the safe transport of dangerous goods by air, as well as the relevant documentation prepared by other international organisations (*e.g.*, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Health Organisation, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, and IATA, among others) must be taken into account, and training material updated and aligned with this documentation.

1.4 Finally, the group agreed on the content of WP/17 and the creation of a working group chaired by Chile and made up by Argentina, Guatemala, and Panama, to give advice on the implementation of the Beijing Convention and its Protocol, drafting recommendations on new technologies and screening procedures.

2. **Accomplished tasks**

2.1 As agreed by the Regional Group, Mr. Eduardo Cerda, expert of Chile, prepared a “Manual on the basics of biological, chemical, and radiological agents”, which was circulated to the members of the working group for comments and suggestions, which, upon receipt, were incorporated into the Manual, as presented in **Appendix A** to this working paper for analysis and consideration.

2.2 Likewise, in accordance with the objective of the working group, the expert in dangerous goods of Argentina developed draft training material to be presented to the Regional Group for comments, as shown in **Appendix B**.

3. **Suggested actions for the Regional Group**

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) review this working paper and its attachments and exchange comments on its contents;
- b) consider the convenience of adopting the documents as reference material of the Regional Group; and
- c) assess the possibility of presenting an information paper to the AVSEC PANEL 30, with the intervention of the working groups on guidance material and training (WGGM and WGT) of the AVSECP.