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FURTHER ENHANCING THE CONNECTIVITY OF REGIONAL AVIATION SECURITY WORK TO THE AVIATION SECURITY PANEL

(Presented by United States)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This Working Paper proposes that the NACC DCA and regional aviation security (AVSEC) groups within the NACC identify ways to better capture and report on the important work being done at the regional level so that issues, perspectives, inputs, outcomes and products can be considered in the context of the Aviation Security Panel's (AVSECP) work plan, where appropriate.	
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recognize the value of regional AVSEC work and how the AVSECP might benefit from incorporating such perspectives into its work;Identify ways in which reports of and information on the regional AVSEC work can be received and considered by the AVSECP and its Working Groups in a consistent, regularized, and timely manner; andEncourage the involvement of NACC Contracting States in the work of the AVSECP and its Working Groups.
Strategic Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategic Objective 3 – Security & Facilitation
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AVSECP/34-WP/26, Further Enhancing the Connectivity of Regional Aviation Security Work to the Aviation Security PanelAVSECP/29-WP/21, Prioritization of Security Agendas in ICAO Regions

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Recalling AVSECP/29-WP21, *Prioritization of Security Agendas in ICAO Regions*, that highlighted a need to promote greater focus and engagement on AVSEC at the regional level, and recognizing the productive work of the various regional AVSEC groups and programs across all ICAO regions since that time, the United States proposed at the 34th AVSECP that the AVSECP identify additional mechanisms for the issues, perspectives, inputs, outcomes and products of the regional AVSEC groups to be provided the AVSECP and be considered in the context of the Panel's own work plan.

1.2 To highlight this point, AVSECP/29-WP21, paragraph 3.3 explained that “there are issues and ideas raised in regional aviation security groups that might benefit and enhance the work of this Panel and its Working Groups. Oftentimes, this work is spearheaded by partners who are active in regional groups but unable to engage at the global-level meetings. It is incumbent upon the participants in this Panel to draw connections where regional projects and initiatives might bring value to the broader global community through this Panel.”

1.3 The NACC DCA is encouraged identify ways to better capture the important AVSEC work being conducted under the NACC and report it to the AVSECP so that issues, perspectives, inputs, outcomes and products can be considered in the context of the AVSECP work plan, where appropriate. Likewise, at the 34th AVSECP, the AVSECP was further encouraged to report its work back to the regional groups in a consistent, regularized, and timely manner.

2. **DISCUSSION**

2.1 Significant strides have been made in each of the ICAO regions to raise the prominence of AVSEC, as is evident through the various AVSEC regional groups, such as: ICAO/Latin American Civil Aviation Commission/North American and Central American/Caribbean and South American Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR SAM AVSEC/FAL RG); Middle East Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (MID-RASFG); African Aviation Security and Facilitation (AFI SECFAL) Group; European and North Atlantic Aviation Security Group (ENAVSECG); Cooperative Aviation Security Programme – Asia Pacific (CASP-AP); CASP-MID; and, the Regional Aviation Security Coordination Forum – Asia Pacific (RASCF-APAC). However, it is not clear if the key issues and outcomes of these regional groups are consistently reaching the AVSECP so as to better highlight their work, and, in turn, inform and enhance the work of the Panel and its Working Groups.

2.2 While the key achievements of regional groups are captured by the ICAO Secretariat and provided to AVSECP, when such information is available, it is possible that more robust reports or feedback mechanisms can be provided directly from the regional groups to the Panel. In this way, regional groups can ensure that the full scope of their work and perspectives are communicated to relevant bodies, including the Panel, its Working Groups, and other regional groups. Additional reporting on regional level work may help the AVSECP better understand the reach, impact, and merit of its deliberations, outputs, and recommendations to Council. This may also further elevate the contributions of Member States that are able to engage in their respective regional group but that are unable to participate in the deliberations of the AVSECP and the meetings of its Working Groups. Establishing a clear and timely mechanism for showcasing regional work to the AVSECP and additional stakeholders may also minimize duplication of efforts, and serve as a force multiplier insofar as similar work streams in different regions can be linked through the Panel.

3. **CONCLUSION**

3,1 Greater input and connectivity of regional AVSEC groups' work to the AVSECP and its Working Groups will not only ensure greater inclusion but also that broader perspectives are taken into account during the AVSECP's deliberations and in its recommendations to the Council. This will also ensure that regionally relevant contributions are made to the work of the Secretariat's AVSEC programs.

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