



Agenda Item 3: Review of aviation security results obtained in the SAM Region

RESULTS OF THE AVSEC TRAINING PROGRAMME

(Presented by the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This working paper provides information on the progress made in security training, with emphasis on training activities and the establishment capacity-building partnerships.	
<i>Action:</i>	<i>Invites the States of the Region to support AVSEC training programmes and to locally replicate training in order to have more AVSEC experts</i>
<i>Strategic objectives:</i>	<i>C – Security and facilitation</i>
<i>References:</i>	<i>- Annex 17, Amendment 14 - Doc 8973/9, Security Manual</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 The ICAO SAM Region has an Aviation Security Regional Officer (ASRO) who is working in the AVSEC and Facilitation area and who, through the Security Assistance and Capacity-Building Strategy, has assisted States, working in coordination with the Implementation Support and Development – Security section (ISD-SEC) on the strengthening of aviation security programmes and the improvement of aviation security systems, through training focused on capacity building.

1.2 ICAO is committed to strengthening aviation security through the implementation of the Aviation Security Assistance and Capacity-Building Strategy. Training activities require a continuous effort in order to assist States in the implementation of the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of Annex 17 — Security, and security provisions of Annex 9 — Facilitation. This is achieved through Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTCs) and the Implementation support and development – Security section (ISD-SEC) programme.

2. Objectives and activities

2.1 ICAO, in its mission of continuously strengthening and improving its security training efforts, supports the network of Aviation security training centres (ASTCs) certified by ICAO in order to reach a broad international and regional audience.

2.2 In this sense, the Region has two aviation security training centres (ASTCs): ETAC in Quito, Ecuador, and CIPE in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The ASTCs collaborate with each other through the exchange of information and course planning. ASTCs trained **a total of 69 officials**

from 16 NACC and SAM States **in 2013**, and **a total of 66 officials** from 15 NACC and SAM States **in 2014**.

Support by Transport Canada

2.3 In 2015, a new agreement was signed with *Transport Canada* for a period of three years. One objective of this agreement is to support training of AVSEC personnel in the Region. This project is called “*Improving global civil aviation security*”, as part of the ICAO/Canada Grant Arrangement for the Americas.

2.4 Starting with the three-year programme, an Air Cargo and Mail Security Course is being provided in 2015 for all the States of the Region.

2.5 The *ICAO/Canada Grant Arrangement*, through ICAO, provides all the manuals for the participants and covers all air transport and hotel expenditures of the instructors. It also offers three fellowships for each invited State, which includes air transport and hotel expenditures for each fellowship holder.

3. Suggested action

3.1 States are invited to:

- a) take note of the different aviation security training activities carried out in the region;
- b) continue supporting the ICAO training programme by sending delegates to participate in the seminars, courses, and workshops;
- c) provide AVSEC training to more experts at national level, replicating the training received from ICAO;
- d) support the “ICAO/Canada Grant Arrangement for the Americas”, making use of the fellowships offered by ICAO; and
- e) respond positively to requests for hosting training workshops and courses, as well as other specific aviation security activities.

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