



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

RESULTS OF THE AVSEC TRAINING PROGRAMME

(Presented by the Secretariat)

Summary		
This working paper provides information on the progress made in aviation security training, with emphasis on training activities and the establishment of partnerships for capacity building. It also invites the States of the Region to support the AVSEC training programmes and disseminate training locally to prepare more AVSEC experts.		
References: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Annex 17, Amendment 13– Doc 8973/8, Aviation Security Manual		
ICAO Objectives:	Strategic	<i>B – Aviation security</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 Since May 2012, the ICAO SAM Region has an Aviation Security Regional Officer (ASRO) working in the AVSEC area, who, through the application of the Aviation Security Assistance and Capacity Building Strategy, has assisted States in the strengthening of aviation security programmes and the improvement of their aviation security systems through training focused on capacity building.

1.2 ICAO continues to be committed with strengthening its leading role to face aviation security challenges through the implementation of the ICAO Aviation Security Assistance and Capacity Building Strategy. Training activities have increased in a continuous effort to assist States in the implementation of the standards and recommended practices (SARPs) contained in Annex 17 — Security, and aviation security provisions contained in Annex 9 — Facilitation, through Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTCs) and the Implementation Support and Development – Security (ISD-SEC) Programme.

1.3 The conclusions and recommendations of the High-Level Conference on Aviation Security (Montreal, 12-14 Sep 2012) highlighted the need for this type of training and ICAO's leadership for its implementation.

2. Discussion

2.1 ICAO, in its mission of strengthening and continuously improving its aviation security training efforts, supports the network of Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTCs) certified by ICAO, with a view to reaching a broad international and regional public.

2.2 In this regard, the Region has two Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTCs): ETAC in Quito, Ecuador, and CIPE in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The second cycle of ASTC assessment concluded on the second quarter of 2013. In 2012 and in the first two quarters of 2013, the two ASTCs of the SAM Region were assessed, with satisfactory results.

2.3 Furthermore, with the expansion of the ASTC network, assessments are now conducted on a cost-recovery basis. The terms of reference (ToR) of ASTCs were revised to specify that travel costs and *per diems* for all assessment-related activities had to be paid by the State/ASTC. In order to minimise the cost for ASTCs, assessment missions are grouped at regional/sub-regional level to the extent possible.

2.4 Likewise, in order to further improve training in the AVSEC area, the ASTCs cooperate with each other through the exchange of information and the planning of courses. The ASTCs of Argentina and Ecuador trained **a total of 55 officials** from 19 NACC and SAM States in **2012**, and **a total of 69 officials** from 16 NACC and SAM States in **2013**, totalling 124 officials from 19 NACC and SAM States during the period 2102-2013.

Support by Transport Canada

2.5 In 2012, training funded by the ICAO Aviation Security Training Programme and Canada continued. During this period, the second year of training was completed, consisting of a National Aviation Security Quality Control Workshop, and the third year started, consisting of a Risk Management Workshop, in which training was provided to a total of 157 officials from 16 NACC and SAM States.

Re-certification of AVSEC instructors

2.6 Recognising the need to maintain quality and meet AVSEC training standards, currently certified instructors shall be re-certified in December 2013. This process will focus on the new ICAO training methods and techniques for presenting AVSEC training material, and on a technical exam that must be satisfactorily passed.

Training material

2.7 The following aviation security training packages (ASTPs) may be purchased from ICAO Headquarters:

- Basic
- Cargo
- Crisis management exercise
- Instructors
- Management
- National inspectors
- Supervisors

AVSEC assistance workshops

2.8 Likewise, within the ASTC network, the following five aviation security workshops continue to be provided for the States:

- National civil aviation security programme
- National civil aviation security training programme
- National aviation security quality control programme
- Aviation security certification system
- Airport security programme

2.9 The Risk Management Workshop, recently developed and provided in 2013 within the context of the ICAO Aviation Security Training Programme and Canada, will be added to the list of assistance workshops provided within the ASTC network once it is revised in accordance with amendment 13 to Annex 17.

Machine-readable travel document (MRTD)

2.10 The Secretariat, through the ISD-SEC Programme, the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), and the Implementation and capacity building working group (ICBWG) of the Technical advisory group on machine-readable travel documents (TAG/MRTD), and in coordination with the SAM Regional Office, has continued providing assistance to the States and international organisations on MRTD-related matters. In 2012 and so far in 2013, two regional seminars have been conducted to promote and share best practices concerning MRTDs, biometrics, and border security, as well as four workshops on travel document security and identity management.

2.11 In order to ensure the updating and sustainability of the aviation security system, AVSEC specialists must receive constant training. SAM States have made great efforts to train their personnel through the aforementioned courses and workshops, and can obtain additional benefits by locally reproducing such training to increase the number of duly trained experts at national level.

3. Suggested action

3.1 The States are invited to:

- a) take note of the work carried out in the Region through the various aviation security training activities;
- b) continue supporting the ICAO training programme by sending delegates to seminars, courses, and workshops; and
- c) train more AVSEC experts at national level by replicating the training received from ICAO.

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