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**Agenda Item 2                      Previous Meeting Conclusions**  
**2.2      Report on LACAC FAL/AVSEC Decisions Harmonization and Consolidation Project**

**LACAC FAL/AVSEC DECISIONS HARMONIZATION AND CONSOLIDATION**

(Presented by the Work Programme on LACAC FAL/AVSEC Decisions harmonization and consolidation – Coordinating State Dominican Republic)

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
This Working Paper present the results of the work Programme on LACAC FAL/AVSEC Decisions harmonization and consolidation	
<b>References:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group Meeting (AVSEC/FAL/RG/1) report, (Asuncion, Paraguay, from 25 to 27 May 2011).</li></ul>	
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	<i>This working paper is related to ICAO Strategic Objective B.</i>

**1.                      Background**

1.1                      During the Third Meeting of the AVSEC/FAL/LACAC held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from 5 to 6 July 2010, the Meeting analysed under Agenda Item 15 – *Harmonization and Consolidation of FAL/AVSEC/LACAC Decisions* (Management Goal 6.10), a working paper presented by Bolivia, Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Group.

1.2                      Considering that one of the main objectives of the analysis of valid Decisions of the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) Assembly is the Unification of AVSEC and FAL decisions, thus harmonizing the content thereof.

1.3 At this meeting it was suggested that Bolivia as Rapporteur, coordinate with other group members, to prepare the aforementioned work and establish appropriate deadlines that allow the follow up of this task.

1.4 At the Fourth Meeting of the LACAC AVSEC/FAL Group held in Asuncion, Paraguay on 23 May 2011, on Agenda Item 9, the meeting dealt with the transfer of tasks to the new ICAO/LACAC AVSEC/FAL Regional Group. In this regard, the representative of the Dominican Republic, as Focal Point of the AVSEC/FAL macro task, considering that as of that date, the ICAO and LACAC FAL/AVSEC groups had to work together, submitted a report for the consideration of experts on the work carried out up to date on each one of the tasks contained in the terms of reference containing detailed information on each task under its responsibility.

1.5 During the debate, the experts noted the progress of tasks in each stage and the proposed goals, likewise, considered it necessary to relocate the Terms of reference and tasks to the new ICAO/LACAC AVSEC/FAL Regional Group so it can continue any pending tasks.

1.6 The Group welcomed the report submitted by the Focal Point. Similarly, the Group instructed the Secretariat, to facilitate the transfer of the Terms of reference and tasks of the LACAC FAL/AVSEC Group to the new Regional Group, and to prepare a summary status table to date.

1.7 At the First Meeting of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/1), held in Asuncion, Paraguay, from 25 to 27 May 2011, the LACAC Secretariat presented WP/04, containing the Reports of the Third and Fourth Meeting of the LACAC AVSEC/FAL Group, held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from 5 to 6 July 2010 and in Asuncion, Paraguay on 23 May 2011, respectively. The meeting considered that the tasks should be incorporated into the AVSEC/FAL/RG work programme.

1.8 The Meeting was informed that the Terms of Reference were reviewed in conjunction with LACAC. The Secretariat presented WP/05, requesting the meeting to analyse, review and approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the new Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG) and develop work programmes and projects related to the Terms of Reference of the LACAC FAL/AVSEC Group.

1.9 In this sense, the Dominican Republic was appointed as the Coordinator State for Management Goal 6.10 “*Harmonization and Consolidation of FAL/AVSEC/LACAC Decisions.*”

## **2. Task Development**

2.1 An email was sent on 10 November 2011 to contributing States, asking for their opinion or comments on the task “*Harmonization and Consolidation of FAL/AVSEC/LACAC Decisions*”.

2.2 An email was sent on 13 December 2011 to contributing States, reiterating the above.

2.3 On 12 January 2012 an email was received with the comments from the representative of the Contributing State, Chile

### **3. Airport facilitation**

#### *Recommendations*

3.1 *Rec.A10-9, “Airport Congestion - Need for coordination with the competent authorities”*: This recommendation remains unchanged and it is recommended that it be left unchanged.

3.2 *Rec.A13-1, “Guidance Text on an Organic Regulation for the operation of National Committees and Airport Facilitation”*: This recommendation is recommended to be expanded and updated in accordance with the provisions of Annex 9, Section G and Appendix 11 and 12 and Facilitation Manual (Doc 9957, recently published in Spanish), issued by ICAO. To that end, we propose that be formed a committee of experts (from different countries) to perform the task.

3.3 *Rec.A14-10, “Facilitation Measures at Airports for the benefit of passengers requiring special assistance”*: This recommendation remains unchanged and it is recommended that it be left in effect until the Regulation on Treatment persons with Disabilities is duly approved.

3.4 *Rec.A14-12, “Taxes and duties on Air Transport”*: The Recommendation remains unchanged and it is recommended that it be left unchanged.

3.5 *Rec.A14-14, “Air Transport Facilitation”*: It is recommended to add to the first “considering”, the terms of aircraft, crews, passengers, cargo, mail and supplies, and in the second “considering”, to replace Appendix for by Appendix 12 to Annex 9.

3.6 *Rec.A17-2, “Measures to Contribute to the Implementation of an AVSEC/FAL Checklist in the CAR/SAM Regions”*: It is recommended to delete the recommendation, on the grounds that its terms are set out in the Rec.A18-2.

3.7 *Rec.A18-2, “Using the Checklist AVSEC/FAL in the Region”*: It is recommended to add in the fifth “considering,” the word NAM to CAR/SAM, wherever they appear, that is, NAM/CAR/SAM. This AVSEC/FAL checklist contained in this recommendation was updated in accordance with the provisions of Amendment 22 to Annex 9, thirteenth edition (July 2011), and Amendment 12 to Annex 17, Ninth Edition (March 2011).

### **4. Airport Security and Control of Illicit Traffic**

#### *Recommendations*

4.1 *Rec.A10-2, “Participation of Air Traffic Services in the Prevention and Control of Illicit Drugs Traffic”*: The Recommendation remains unchanged and it is recommended that it be left unchanged.

4.2 *Rec.A10-4, “Legal and Operational Actions on Illicit Drugs Traffic and Psychotropic Substances, Precursors, Essential Chemical Elements and Related Offences, using as a mean to this end the General Aviation”*: It is recommended to verify with the Secretariat if Point No. 2 has already been done and if positive, we recommend the elimination of this Recommendation, as they would be given the appropriate guidelines.

4.3 *Res.A10-4, “Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in the Prevention of Drugs Traffic and Psychotropic Substances by air, through bilateral or multilateral negotiations on air transport”*: This recommendation remains unchanged and it is recommended that the same is left unchanged.

4.4 *Rec.A11-4, “Education Program for the Prevention of Drug Abuse for personnel directly or indirectly connected to the activity of the Civil Aviation”*: This recommendation remains unchanged and it is recommended that it be left unchanged.

4.5 *Res.A15-19, “Protection to the Public International Air Transportation Regular Service”*: The Recommendation remains unchanged and it is recommended that it be left unchanged, to be consistent with the guidelines established by ICAO in its Resolution A27-13 “Protection of Public International Air Transport.”

4.6 *Res.A16-5, “Political Action Courses on the Prevention of Illicit Drugs traffic and Psychotropic Substances”*: It was concluded that the changes therein, are subject to the LACAC Executive Committee carrying out the mission entrusted in this Resolution.

4.7 *Rec.A16-6, “Measures to Prevent and Control Illicit Drug Traffic Air Transport”*: The Recommendation remains unchanged and it is recommended that it be left unchanged, to be consistent with the guidelines established by ICAO Resolution A27-12 “Role of ICAO in the suppression of illicit transport of narcotic drugs by air”

4.8 As for the recommendations and resolutions relating to drug trafficking, this issue is not mentioned in Annex 17 – Aviation Security, “Protection of International Aviation against Acts of Unlawful Interference” and Doc 8973 “ICAO Security Manual.” However, there are other references in Doc 9284 AN/905 “Manual of Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air”, in Chapter 9. In addition, Standard 2.2 and Recommended Practice 2.3 of Chapter 2 to Annex 9 also mention this issue.

4.9 Regardless of the observations, is suggested by the above, to evaluate and compile all this information, transforming it into a guide or reference manual for the States approved by a resolution, recommending that in this work involves experts from some States, which have the most experience in these types of threats.

4.10 *Rec.A18-4, “Implementation by LACAC Member States” ICAO Model of National Civil Aviation Security Programme“*: Considering that ICAO, through the ICAO Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP), has carried out two audits and a follow-up visit, it is estimated that States are already complying with the standard of having a National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP). It is suggested repealing the same, considering that already its accomplishment.

4.11 *Res.A19-5, “Mechanism for Coordination and Regional Cooperation on AVSEC/FAL”*: This recommendation remains unchanged and it is recommended that it be left unchanged.

**5. Conclusion**

5.1 States are urged to take note of the information contained in this document to assess the applicability of these recommendations.

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