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Agenda Item 9: Other issues

COORDINATION BETWEEN STATES TO STANDARDIZE SCREENING PROCEDURES OF PASSENGERS AND CABIN BAGGAGE TO INCLUDE A LISTING OF PROHIBITED ARTICLES

(Presented by Chile)

SUMMARY	
This Working Paper proposes to establish a Working Group to study screening criteria including listings of prohibited objects to harmonize in NAM/CAR/SAM Regions the regulations related to passenger screening and their carry on baggage.	
Reference:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work programme and Projects of AVSEC/FAL Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL /GR). 	
<i>Strategic objectives</i>	<i>This Working Paper is related to ICAO strategic objective B.</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 The balance that should exist between aviation security and facilitation is a difficult problem to solve, since on the one hand it is necessary to protect civil aviation against unlawful interference and at the same time provide passengers with facilities during the embarkation process. In the last few years, international passengers have been affected when at the screening points prohibited articles for taking into the cabin are seized or retained. In this situation there is no common criterion among the States. Thus, articles that are retained / seized in one State are not prohibited in other States. Although it may be concluded that this situation results from the regulations differences among the various States and the different risk levels that can exist in each States, it would be important to establish a mechanism that allows mitigating the impact on the passenger during the screening process in the different States.

2. Discussion

2.1 In compliance with provisions of Annex 17 to the Chicago Convention, the States have established procedures for the screening of passengers and their cabin baggage based on reference material of Doc. 8973 Security Manual of ICAO. However, criteria for defining prohibited articles differ according to the risk level of each State, which ultimately impact on passengers.

2.2 According to requirements of Annex 17, it is necessary to adjust or standardize screening criteria (definition of prohibited articles) in order to mitigate possible risk. However it should be determined if existing discrepancies could be reduced for the benefit of the passenger. As a starting point, it would be necessary to determine existing differences among NAM/CAR and SAM Regions States, concerning the screening procedures under normal operating conditions (low risk), specifically prohibited articles listing. At the completion of this study a series of recommendations could be proposed so that member States of this group harmonize or standardize their national programmes.

2.3 The second phase would consist in determining if screening criteria may be harmonized on the basis of risk level. If this is not possible, determine whether it is possible to establish a coordination mechanism so that criteria that may affect passengers are similar in all regions.

2.4 To materialize this project, it is proposed to establish a Working Group that will study the above mentioned two points and will provide the conclusions of the first phase in the next meeting of this group. The conclusions of the second phase would be submitted during the fifth meeting.

3. Suggested action

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Discuss this initiative and consider the need for this project in order to contribute to a better handling of passengers in the region; and
- b) Establish the deadline for the submittal of the conclusions of this project.