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4.2 Report on Communications / Information Exchange Project**

**MECHANISM OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE
BETWEEN AVSEC / FAL / RG AND OTHER SIMILAR INTERNATIONAL GROUPS**

(Presented by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents a proposal for the creation of mechanisms for communication and exchange of information between the Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional (AVSEC / FAL / RG) and other internationally related groups, in order to contribute to the unification efforts and criteria as well as to avoid duplication of tasks, which allow better targeting of resources and efforts of working groups on aspects of civil aviation security and facilitation.	
References:	
Terms of reference, work program and projects for the Regional Group on Aviation Security and Facilitation NAM / CAR / SAM ICAO / LACAC, Section 2.2 (Participants) and Objectives (5.5).	
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	<i>This working paper relates to ICAO Strategic Objective B.</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 For years initiatives that seek to unify efforts and criteria as well as to avoid duplication of efforts on aviation security and facilitation, have come across different regions that are part of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). An example of the realization of this is the creation of the Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC / FAL / RG) for North America, Central America, Caribbean and South America (NAM / CAR / SAM) and the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC).

1.2 Examples of these specialized working groups in the field of aviation security and facilitation worldwide, can be found at:

- a) Implementation Group (Task Forces) of the Security Forum and Facilitation of the European Civil Aviation Commission (ECAC);
- b) AVSEC Committee of the European Commission;
- c) ICAO AVSEC Panel, among others.

1.3 Each group was designed for different purposes and goals, however, we may note that they all have common activities, such as the design procedures and working methods designed to efficiently meet the standards and recommended practices of ICAO in Annex 17 to the Chicago Convention. Some of them, including, developing draft regulations in order to be discussed and approved within their organizations, whether at the regional level, as in the example of the ECAC, or globally as ICAO itself.

1.4 In many cases, is evident the treatment of issues of unique character to a specific region, which significantly highlights cultural, linguistic and economic aspects that lead to the application of security measures under a particular perspective of the region. Also, you can see that these working groups develop similar or complementary projects, almost simultaneously, or in some cases, when working committees are proposed to address an issue, other regions have already anticipated this stage and are on probation or even implementation of those actions agreed on the same topic.

2. Mechanisms for communication and exchange of information between the AVSEC/FAL/RG and other related groups internationally

2.1 In order to promote the exchange of information between the AVSEC / FAL / RG and different groups and committees on aviation security and facilitation that are working internationally, it is important to design mechanisms that allow timely communication, efficiently and safely between these groups, in order to:

- a) Share experiences on those topics on which a group has developed procedures, protocols, standards, surveys, etc., that allow other groups learn from these experiences, in order to improve the implementation of safety measures in their regions;
- b) Consider the experiences of other groups that can feed or resize, projects already started or even decide not to continue the work assigned, taking into account the results obtained in other regions or AVSEC / FAL working groups;
- c) Identify AVSEC / FAL trends observed internationally, and
- d) Use more efficiently the resources and efforts for each workgroup.

2.2 A mechanism for communication and exchange of information between the AVSEC / FAL / RG and different working groups or AVSEC and FAL committees, tentatively should consider issues such as:

- a) initial inventory and periodic updating of the groups, committees or work teams that currently form part of duly recognized international organizations with common interests in the field of aviation security and facilitation;
- b) Designation of an authority and / or representative who meets the official contact between the AVSEC / FAL / RG and different groups or AVSEC / FAL committees;

- c) Establish protocols for communication and exchange of information that considers aspects of confidentiality, ease and timely provision of such information between the committees;
- d) Inclusion on the work agendas of committees, a summary of efforts, achievements and experiences of other similar AVSEC / FAL organizations, and
- e) Design history files to enable new committee members to identify the evolution of events and design working projects to prevent recurrence in subjects already covered, or use these historical data as a basis for new plans.

3. Suggested action

3.1 The meeting is invited to develop a mechanism for communication and exchange of information between the Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC / FAL / RG) and other related groups internationally, taking into consideration the factors mentioned in paragraph 2.2 of this paper.