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Agenda Item 4 Programmes and Projects - Aviation Security (AVSEC)
4.2 Standardization of Regulations and Procedures Linked to
Certification and Oversight of AVSEC Instructors/Instructor
Certification Project

**STANDARDIZATION OF INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PROCESS IN AVIATION
 SECURITY (AVSEC) IN THE REGION**

(Presented by Peru)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This working paper proposes the standardization of the regulations and procedures for the certification of instructors in the NAM/CAR and SAM States, and, thus, emphasizes the need that States should count with a formal certification process that reassures them with required competences as aviation security instructors.	
Action:	Action is presented in Section 4.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security and Facilitation
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVSEC/FAL Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG) Work Programme and Projects • Annex 17 – <i>Security</i> • <i>Aviation security manual</i> (Doc 8973/8 – Restricted)

1. Introduction

1.1 Amendment 12 to Annex 17 – *Security*, Standard 3.1.7 states the following: "As of July 1, 2013, each Contracting State shall ensure the establishment and implementation of a certification system for instructors and instruction programs consistent with the national civil aviation security program."

1.2 Consequently from July 1, 2013, States are required, under the Standard 3.1.7, to develop and implement an instructor certification and training programs in accordance with the National Security Civil Aviation considering that this Standard is complementary to Standards 3.1.6, 3.4.2 and 3.4.3, since it strengthens the provisions relating to the competencies and human performance.

1.3 ICAO Annex 17 provides that the certification is the formal evaluation and confirmation granted by the competent authority for aviation security, or on behalf of such authority, that a person has the necessary skills to perform the duties which are assigned to the level that the competent authority considers acceptable.

1.4 In the region, some States have already started from years ago a certification and surveillance process of their instructors in order to ensure the quality of instruction in aviation security – AVSEC, the vast majority of these are based on the best practices set out in Doc. 8973 — *Aviation security manual*, certification, selection and training.

2. Present situation

2.1 In order to achieve a standard in the quality of instruction to different entities regulated by the States in the field of aviation security as well as exercise control over them, some states have taken the initiative and the need to implement regulations and procedures that include the instructors certification and recertification in their states and mechanisms for authorizing instructors from other states to exercise this work.

2.2 The implementation of standards and procedures for standards in the quality of instruction through improved skills of instructors vary from state to state. This variation between States in the instructor certification - AVSEC already implemented, is mainly concerned with the requirements established by each State.

2.3 Currently the great majority of States do not recognize and validate the certificates granted to AVSEC instructors from other States, due to the lack of standardization in the regulations and procedures for the certification of instructors of other States in the region, which causes in many of the cases instructor to go through certification processes for other States where the service is required.

3. Conclusions

3.1 To achieve AVSEC instructors certification and recertification standardization in the states, through reliable processes that secure the proper certification is issued to competent staff. It would allow States to recognize and/or validate the certification granted by other states on the basis of requirements, regulations and standard procedures, thus creating a reliable and security environment in the States through their instructors who would be able to exchange knowledge and experiences. Likewise our instructors will attain specialization of these without borders.

3.2 Achieving standardization of AVSEC Instructors certification processes in the States, would impact positively on the optimization of the validation process and avoid expenses and delays in Instruction in the State that requires it.

4. **Suggested action**

4.1 Considering the instructor to be the person responsible for instructing and training personnel or staff with different roles in airport security; and beyond compliance with the regulation, there is a need for States to have a formal certification process to demonstrate that an Instructor in Aviation Security has the skills needed to do their work, the Meeting is invited to:

4.2 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) consider the possibility to continue working as a team within the Regional Group on Aviation Security, aimed to further analysis at the regional level; and
- b) standardization of regulations and procedures related to certification – recertification and monitoring instructors AVSEC.

4.3 The new proposal is being presented (only in Spanish) in the **Appendix** to this note with the integration of the contributions made by the working group member states created earlier.

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