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► Outreach activities

High-level WAEMU delegation visits ECAC

Paris, 21 February — ECAC Acting Executive Secretary Patricia Reverdy, Aviation Security Audit and Capacity Building Officer, Adam Borkowski, and CASE Project Coordinator, Antoine Zannotti met with a delegation from the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) on visit to ECAC's offices following their participation in the CASE Project Technical Seminar in Brussels earlier in the week.

The WAEMU delegation was led by Paul Koffi Koffi, Commissioner of the Department of Community Territorial Administration and Transport, who was joined by Adébayo Samson Balogoun, Director for Transport in the WAEMU Commission, and Tcha-Didjoré Deybou Bah-Traoré, Coordinator of the WAEMU Programme of Inspections and Audits.

The two delegations discussed the status of implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between ECAC and WAEMU in 2006. Several future joint actions in the fields of aviation security and economic regulation were discussed during the meeting. These included the organisation of training for vulnerability assessors on landside security, the organisation of workshops on insider threats and cyber security, as well as the provision of targeted assistance to States to support their aviation security regimes.



From the left: Adébayo Samson Balogoun, Tcha-Didjoré Deybou Bah-Traoré, Paul Koffi Koffi, Patricia Reverdy, Antoine Zannotti, Adam Borkowski

► Security

ECAC hosts 6th Europe – Asia Pacific Aviation Security Forum

Paris, 25-26 February — ECAC and the Ministry of Transport of Singapore co-organised the sixth edition of the Europe-Asia Pacific Aviation Security Forum in Paris at the end of the month, bringing together over 60 experts from Europe and the Asia Pacific region.

Over two days, the participants had the opportunity to exchange information and experiences on current aviation security priorities and recent developments in their regions in an endeavour to promote the global implementation of international aviation security requirements.

Held every two years, this year the Forum addressed the evolution of threats, technology and innovation, security training and culture, and cyber security and disruptive technologies, with discussions spread across four sessions moderated by Carla Pinto

ECAC and EFLEVA discuss ECAC recommendation on permits to fly of certain historical aircraft

Paris, 20 February — The European Federation of Light, Experimental and Vintage Aircraft (EFLEVA), represented by Nigel Stevens, EFLEVA Vice-President Vintage, visited ECAC to share the latest information on the effective implementation of ECAC Recommendation 35-1 on the mutual acceptance by ECAC Member States of airworthiness certificates, or “permits to fly”, of certain historical aircraft. Patricia Reverdy, Acting Executive Secretary of ECAC, and Béatrice Adoléhouné, ECAC Environment and Technical Officer, informed Mr Stevens of the continuing progress in the national implementation of the ECAC recommendation. EFLEVA raised some limiting factors to its full implementation, which were acknowledged to be more appropriately addressed through bilateral discussions between the national associations and the national authorities concerned. ■



From the left: Nigel Stevens, Béatrice Adoléhouné, Patricia Reverdy

(Portuguese Civil Aviation Authority), Douglas Yeo (Singapore Ministry of Transport), Hugo Porter (New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority) and Urs Haldimann (Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation).

Presentations from industry and regulator guest speakers from both regions provoked lively debate and offered much food for thought. Key conclusions included: the need to constantly review and adjust mitigation measures to reflect the evolution of the threat picture; that people are security's biggest asset and that it is vital to strive to find the right conditions to keep staff motivated and trained; and the importance of sharing information amongst all partners to encourage further collaboration.



► Security

Best practices for cargo inspectors training in Istanbul

Istanbul, 26-28 February — Following the organisation of an ECAC Best Practices for



Cargo Inspectors (BPCI) course in Istanbul on 26-28 February, the ECAC Secretariat asked Serdar Karabulut (pictured left), Head of the Aviation Security Department at the Turkish Directorate General of Civil Aviation, for his feedback.

• **Why did you ask for a BPCI training course to be organised in Turkey?**

Serdar Karabulut: We are in the process of creating a robust cargo security inspection system to effectively monitor compliance, while trying to increase the awareness and capacity of the secure supply chain stakeholder. In this respect, in order to benefit from the

knowledge and experience of ECAC Member States, we asked for ECAC's assistance. As, over the years, ECAC has proved its expertise and professionalism in delivering such courses and in transferring knowledge, ECAC was our first port of call.

Our main motivation was to increase the knowledge level and practical inspection skills of our inspectors from the DGCA, national inspectors from customs and the national police, and industry experts from regulated agents, cargo warehouses and air carriers.

• **What do you consider to be the advantages of ECAC training courses?**

Serdar Karabulut: Some important assets of ECAC training courses are: best practices, use of provided job aids, the courses are delivered by experts from States that have hands-on experience. Moreover, the practical on-site exercises during the courses help to clarify the participants' interpretation of the requirements. ECAC courses also provide a good platform for interaction between the participants and the instructors.

• **What was your staff's feedback after the course and what did they like most about it?**

Serdar Karabulut: Our staff stated that the course was very useful and their objectives were predominantly met. What they liked most were: the on-site exercise and instructors sharing their own experiences from their home country, including - but not limited to - inspection methodology, industry figures, the systems and databases in use, the most common deficiencies they encounter, etc.

• **Based on your experience and your staff's feedback, would you recommend other States benefit from the ECAC capacity-building activities?**

Serdar Karabulut: We would definitely recommend and encourage States to benefit from the ECAC capacity-building activities, which provide a good platform for improvement and exchange of best practices between the experts. At the same time, we would like to take this opportunity to encourage States to contribute more actively to ECAC capacity-building activities by providing facilities and experts to deliver courses.

Behaviour detection programme for 2019

Paris, 5-6 February — The ECAC Behaviour Detection Study Group met in Paris at the beginning of the month to review recent developments in the field of behaviour detection, consider progress in the implementation of its 2019 Work Programme, and discuss the organisation of a behaviour detection research and development workshop, which is scheduled to take place in September. The group's 2019 Work Programme includes, among other things, development of a model training programme for behaviour detection officers, the revision of dedicated parts of the ECAC Model Behaviour Detection Programme, and the development of guidance material on raising behaviour detection awareness amongst the travelling public and staff.

Explosive Detection Dogs group meets in Paris

Paris, 6-7 February — During its 26th meeting, the ECAC Study Group on Explosive Detection Dogs (EDDs) discussed the final draft of its General Testing Methodology. This document defines procedures for the evaluation of the performance of EDD teams and sets minimum baseline requirements for ECAC Member States.

Preparations begin for key ICAO aviation security events in 2019

Paris, 12 February — The first meeting of the European Coordination Group on Aviation Security took place at ECAC's offices in Paris. The group will lead the European preparations for key events in aviation security in 2019, including the 30th ICAO AVSEC Panel (Montreal, 13-17 May 2019) and the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly (Montreal, 24 September-4 October 2019).

Representatives from Albania, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom participated in the discussions. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in Brussels on 21 March 2019.



Behaviour Detection Study Group in Paris



Explosive Detection Dogs Study Group in Paris

► Security

Recurrent training for national auditors in Luxembourg

Luxembourg, 12-14 February — The fourth Recurrent Training for National Auditors took place in Luxembourg at the invitation of the Luxembourg Directorate of Civil Aviation. Ten national auditors attended the course, which was designed to strengthen the auditors' competencies in conducting national compliance monitoring activities on all chapters of ECAC Doc 30, Part II. The course provided participants with information on the most recent changes to European aviation security legislation. The training was delivered by two ECAC instructors (one from Cyprus and one from the ECAC Secretariat) and featured classroom activities – presentations, discussions and theoretical exercises – as well as practical activities conducted at the airport.



ECAC organises workshop for cargo security managers in Riga

Riga, 13-14 February — A workshop for cargo security managers was organised by ECAC in Latvia for the benefit of three Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania). The workshop was designed as an innovative step forward towards generating an improved security culture in the cargo security domain. An overview of cargo security requirements, the role of a cargo security manager, the development of a quality assurance programme,



security culture and screeners' motivation were the main elements discussed during the workshop. The workshop's key objective was to strengthen the skills, competencies and best practices for cargo security managers implementing quality control activities. ■

► Facilitation

ECAC and ACI EUROPE organise a workshop on charges for persons with reduced mobility

Brussels, 19 February — Charges for persons with reduced mobility (PRMs) was the focus of a one-day workshop co-organised by ECAC and ACI EUROPE, gathering 60 participants from 16 Member States and several industry stakeholders. The workshop was organised following a request from the ECAC Sub-group on the Transport of Persons with Reduced Mobility and in coordination with the ECAC Economic Working Group.

Discussions were spread across four sessions. In the first, speakers from the European Disability Forum, the European Commission and ECAC set the scene providing information on the legal framework and recent PRM developments. The following three sessions were held in panel format led by moderators from Portugal, the Netherlands and the European Commission. Each session was opened by a keynote speaker.

In the second session, airline and airport panelists discussed the criteria and the procedure for establishing PRM charges. The third session focused on the quality standards for assistance to PRMs. The final session looked into the role of the regulators in establishing PRM charges.

Some key issues noted during the workshop were: the lack of Key Performance Indicators and satisfaction indicators to measure and compare the quality of assistance; that abuses in the request for PRM assistance were often registered and based on misinformation (e.g. from travel agencies) or on needs not directly related to disabilities (e.g. mothers with children, long distance in the airports, languages); and that the regulators should have a key role in addressing all the open issues.

The key outcomes of the workshop were presented and discussed the following day at the PRM sub-group meeting.

European PRM experts discuss actions for 2019

Brussels, 20 February — The ECAC Facilitation Sub-group on the Transport of Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRM) met the following day and agreed on specific actions needed to implement its 2019 Work Programme, in particular the organisation of pilot inspections on PRMs, the analysis of hidden disabilities, and the organisation of a one-day meeting with experts.

Reviewing the main outcomes of the previous day's workshop on PRM charges, the meeting agreed on two main actions:

- to launch a survey to identify the different models of charges and quality standards applied in all ECAC Member States; and
- to establish a study group to further explore the key issues emerging from the workshop, and identify possible solutions.

The next meeting of the sub-group and the one-day meeting with experts are scheduled to take place on 12 and 13 September 2019 in Paris. ■



Panelists and speakers at the PRM charges workshop, Brussels

► Economic matters

2019 ICAO Assembly: preparations begin for European coordination on economic matters

Brussels, 21 February — The first meeting of the European Coordination Group on Economic Matters took place at the European Commission's DG MOVE offices in Brussels. This group will lead the preparatory work in the economic domain for the 40th session of the ICAO Assembly.

Discussions focused on the preparations for the next meeting of the ICAO Air Transport Regulatory Panel (ATRP/15, 9-11 April 2019) and for the ICAO Assembly in the autumn. The meeting reviewed the European priorities for both these major events and considered possible papers to be presented. It was agreed that finalising the Convention on Foreign Investment in Air Carriers was one of the European priorities in the economic field. The coordination group will meet in the first week of September to review the papers presented to the Economic Commission of the ICAO Assembly. ■

► Environment

European contributions to the 11th ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection

Montreal, 4-15 February — The European Aviation and Environment Group (EAEG) held twice-daily meetings in the margins of the 11th meeting of the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP/11) held in Montreal in the first half of February. The purpose of these meetings was to support the European contribution to the discussions at CAEP/11, which was considered to be very fruitful. European CAEP members and observers were able to announce that they will continue to commit significant resources to the work programme adopted for the 12th cycle of the Committee. In parallel, EAEG pursued its preparatory work for the 40th ICAO Assembly, its support to the European representatives on the ICAO Council regarding the establishment of a Technical Advisory Body and the adoption of Emissions Units Criteria for CORSIA. EAEG's next meeting will take place on 10 April in Brussels. ■



Legal Task Force at ECAC's offices

► Legal matters

ECAC Legal Task Force meets in Paris

Paris, 7 February — The Legal Task Force's first meeting of the year considered the outcomes of the 37th meeting of the ICAO Legal Committee held in Montreal (LC/37, 4-7 September 2018) and the expected follow-up actions from ECAC Member States.

The meeting heard updates on developments at the ECAC Directors General of Civil Aviation meeting held in December, including the renewal of the current chair's, Susanna Metsälampi (Finland), mandate for three years. It also supported a second term for the deputy chair, Frankie Declers (Belgium). The task force looked at the timeline for preparation of the 40th ICAO Assembly and considered the European priorities, in particular the need to review the legal aspects of specific papers. The next meeting will take place on 6 September to prepare for the Legal Commission of the ICAO Assembly. ■

► CASE Project

Technical Seminar reflects on three years of CASE Project implementation

Brussels, 18-19 February — For the first time, the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) and ECAC brought together key stakeholders from 26 States to reflect on the results of three years of the CASE Project.

Participants included representatives of CASE Partner States, ECAC Member States, international organisations (ACAO, ACI, AFCAC, IATA, ICAO and WAEMU) and other EU institutions.

A total of 53 experts took part in the discussions, which aimed to examine the most significant lessons learned from the Project's implementation and propose actions to further strengthen its efficiency. A number of ideas were generated, which will be used to increase the impact and effectiveness of the Project in its final year, before it comes to a close in 2020. More information in this regard will be available in the next edition of CASE News.



Panellists in the CASE Project Technical Seminar in Brussels

First activity of the CASE Project in Gabon

Libreville, 11-15 February — Gabon became the 28th Partner State of the CASE Project to receive operational activities at a national or subregional level, in the form of a Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 1 activity organised in Libreville this month at the country's request. The training course was delivered to nine national auditors from the Gabonese *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile* (ANAC) and the industry, including the director for security and facilitation in ANAC.

- Other activities delivered by the CASE Project this month include **Best Practices for National Auditors – Cargo** in Tunisia (20-22 February), **on-site coaching for national auditors** in Botswana (25-28 February) and **Best Practices for National Auditors – Cargo** in Togo (27 February - 1 March). ■

Botswana CAA inspectors conducting an AVSEC audit at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, Gaborone



► EaP/CA Project

First Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 1 training courses organised for EaP/CA States

Kiev, 4-8 February

Riga, 18-22 February

Two Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1 training courses were organised for the first time by ECAC for the benefit of EaP/CA Partner States. The courses were held from 4 to 8 February in Kiev (Ukraine) and from 18 to 22 February in Riga (Latvia) and 17 participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan and Ukraine attended both courses.

Through a combination of training techniques, including practical exer-



BPNA participants outside the ICAO AVSEC Training Centre in Kiev



BPNA participants at the CAA offices in Riga

cises at Kiev and Riga airports, participants became familiarised with best practices in auditing techniques and European requirements in key areas of aviation security, including access control, passenger and cabin baggage screening and hold baggage security. The training courses also enabled participants to gain a better understanding of their role and responsibilities as national auditors and strengthen their competencies in conducting national compliance monitoring activities in the field of aviation security.

The training courses were organised in close cooperation with the appropriate authorities of Ukraine (State Aviation Administration) and Latvia (Civil Aviation Agency), which hosted the training courses, facilitated the organisation of on-site exercises and provided English-Russian translation in order to ensure the best learning conditions for participants. The ECAC Secretariat thanks both of them for their cooperation. ■

What's on in March?

- 4-8 CASE Project MANPADS assessment and mitigation mentoring activity, Cotonou
- 5 55th meeting of the ECAC Medium-Term Objectives Task Force (EMTO/55), Paris
- 6 5th meeting of the European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group (ESANCG/5), Brussels
- 7 47th meeting of the Facilitation Sub-group on Immigration (FAL-IMMIGRAT Sub-group/47), Paris
- 11-12 EaP/CA Project mentoring activity on national aviation security programmes, Paris
- 12-13 30th meeting of the Aircraft Noise Modelling Task Group (EAEG-AIRMOD/30), Toulouse
- 13-14 ECAC Workshop on Explosive Detection Dogs, Paris
- 18-22 EaP/CA Project Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 1, Kiev
- 19-21 CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 2, Accra
- 21-22 40th meeting of the Training Task Force (TrTF/40), Bodrum
- 21 57th meeting of the Facilitation Working Group (FAL/57), Paris
- 21 2nd meeting of the European Coordination Group on Aviation Security (ECG-AS/2), Brussels

- 22 1st meeting of the European Coordination Group on Facilitation (ECG-FAL/1), Paris
- 26-27 2nd Basic Aviation Security Training (BASIC/2), Paris
- 26-29 CASE Project Cargo Security Regulations and Implementing Procedures mentoring activity, Nairobi
- 27 184th meeting of the Coordinating Committee (CC/184), Paris
- 28 23rd meeting between the Coordinating Committee and the US authorities (CC/US/23), Paris

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