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## Facilitation

### European experts at 11<sup>th</sup> ICAO Facilitation Panel

**Paris, 9 January, and Montreal, 13-16 January** — The European Coordination Group on Facilitation matters assembled at ECAC's offices on 9 January to consider the European objectives for the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ICAO Facilitation Panel (FALP/11) to be held in Montreal from 13 to 16 January.

Chaired by Urs Haldimann (Switzerland) and attended by members and observers from ECAC Member States Belgium, Czechia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, and ECAC and the European Commission, the main focus of FALP/11 was to review the outcomes of the Passenger Name Record (PNR) Task Force. The task force had been tasked with developing Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) on the col-

lection, use, processing and protection of PNR data for inclusion in Annex 9. After examining the draft SARPs and redrafting the proposed provisions on which differences of view existed, the panel approved the proposed text of the SARPs.

On other issues, the panel endorsed the terms of reference of the human trafficking working group established after the last panel meeting (FALP/10) and appointed the United States' FAL panel member, Esta Rosenberg, as its Rapporteur. The ICAO Secretariat's proposal to introduce a new standard and note on the Public Key Directory (PKD) was also endorsed. On unruly passengers, FALP/11 was of the opi-

nion that the ICAO Air Transport Committee should be asked to determine what action was necessary to support States in launching effective public awareness campaigns on the matter. The meeting also heard a briefing by ICAO on recent facilitation developments in ICAO, the United Nations and other international organisations. ■



## Economic matters

### Regulators and industry join forces to plan the 2020 ECAC/EU Dialogue on capacity challenges

**Paris, 24 January** — The Steering Committee established to draw up the programme for the 2020 edition of the ECAC/EU Dialogue with the European air transport industry, which this year will consider capacity challenges, held its first meeting in Paris on 24 January. The meeting brought together experts from ECAC Member States, European aviation organisations and industry stakeholders, who will work together over the next few months to identify the key topics to be addressed at the Dialogue.

Since 1995, ECAC/EU Dialogues have provided a forum for members of the European air transport industry — both regulators and the industry — to discuss aviation issues of major and current interest and assess future implications and challenges, thus providing a stimulating and informative debate.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Dialogue will take place in **Friedrichshafen, Germany, on 3 and 4 November 2020.** ■



Please mark the dates in your diary!  
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### New developments by ECAC Guidance Material Task Force

**Paris, 14-15 April** — ECAC's Guidance Material Task Force (GMTF) held its first meeting of 2020 to progress its work on aviation security guidance material. Eleanor Travers (Ireland), who chairs the task force, said *"The GMTF is focused on its challenging work programme to develop guidance material that incorporates the best of State and industry expertise. New ideas and members are always welcome."* Among the tasks the GMTF will commence in 2020 is the development of new ECAC Doc 30 Annexes on background check implementation and compliance monitoring, and on regulated entities involved in loading secure air cargo.



Guidance Material Task Force at ECAC's offices

### ICAO Working Group on Annex 17 meets in Singapore

**Singapore, 21-22 January** — Experts from Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, and IATA, ACI, IFALPA, European Commission and ECAC met to examine the content of ICAO Annex 17 on aviation security. Several Annex 17

Standards and Recommended Practices were reviewed in light of the ICAO AVSEC Panel recommendations and proposals made during its 2019 meeting. The outcome of the discussion, including a series of amendments to Annex 17, will be presented for discussion at the AVSEC Panel's next meeting from 20 to 24 April in Montreal.

### Common Evaluation Process Management Group meets in Paris

**Paris, 28 January** — The ECAC Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group held its first meeting of the year at ECAC's offices, gathering experts from ECAC contributing authorities and test centres participating in the CEP. This was also the first meeting to be attended by a DG MOVE representative after the European Commission was admitted to the group as an observer in December 2019 following an amendment to the administrative arrangements governing the CEP.

The meeting looked at the evaluation of trays through the configuration change management process, and considered what type of modifications can be assessed by CEP experts. It reviewed the ECAC Quality Study Group's priorities for 2020, which include to increase the quality baseline for test centres, to evaluate variabilities between test centres, and to develop an internal routine audit process and inter-laboratories comparison.

The participants also endorsed the latest test reports,

allocated future tests and refined CEP policy and procedures following feedback from the manufacturers.

### 75<sup>th</sup> Technical Task Force meeting

**Paris, 29-30 January** — Amendments to the ECAC Common Testing Methodologies for explosive detection systems (EDS), explosive detection systems for cabin baggage (EDSCB) and security scanners (SSc) were high on the agenda for discussion at ECAC's 75<sup>th</sup> Technical Task Force meeting. The task force reviewed the EDSCB study group's proposal to reduce the test duration for multiple-tray systems (by keeping the same statistical confidence), based on the already-validated protocol for EDS.

The participants also discussed building a roadmap for the next few years aimed at making the group's work more visible to non-TTF ECAC Member States. The purpose of the roadmap would be to clarify what the TTF does and its objectives in order to help Member States solve any technical security issues. The meeting agreed to establish the roadmap in time for the next meeting (TTF/76), and to dedicate a half-day closed session to deep learning (definition, questions and issues) following concerns expressed by some Member States about new software with such capabilities. ■



75<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Task Force, Paris

## CASE Project

### Follow-up training of national auditors for three Partner States

**Abidjan, 28-30 January** — In October 2018, the CASE Project delivered a Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1 (BPNA1) training course to auditors from Côte d'Ivoire (as the host country), the Republic of the Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Two sessions were required given the number of participants.

At the request of the Partner States which benefitted from this initial activity, two BPNA – Level 2 (BPNA2) training courses were organised for the same participants as those who attended the BPNA1. The first session took place in Abidjan on 28-30 January. The second session is already scheduled for 10-12 February 2020. The two BPNA2 sessions will involve seven auditors from Côte d'Ivoire, seven from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and three from the Republic of the Congo.

## CASE Project dedicates its first interregional seminar to innovation and cyber security

**Marrakech, 28-30 January** — For the first time since its inception, key stakeholders from all three regions involved in the implementation of the CASE Project (Europe, Africa and the Middle East) participated in a joint activity in the form of an interregional aviation security seminar, held in Marrakech from 28 to 30 January 2020.



ECAC, AFCAC and ACAO, which hosted the event, all cooperated in organising the seminar, which was dedicated to innovation and cyber security. The focus on IT was of particular importance as this is one of the most significant areas in which innovation creates both

opportunities for more efficient operations and increased risks to those same operations.

Participants came from a total of 36 CASE Partner States. Including speakers and security equipment manufacturers who had been invited by ACAO for a separate side event, the two-and-a-half day seminar assembled more than 130 experts from related fields, 55 of whom were sponsored by CASE.

The event was opened by Khalid Mounji, Director of Civil Aviation for Morocco's Ministry of Tourism, Handicrafts, Air Transport and Social Economy, alongside Abdennebi Manar, Director General of ACAO, Patricia Reverdy, Acting Executive Secretary of ECAC, and Jamel Dridi, aviation security expert for AFCAC. ■



## What's on in February?

- 3-7 CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1 training, Banjul
- 4-5 Workshop on the Quality Assessment Programme on the Assistance to Persons with Disabilities and Persons with Reduced Mobility, Paris
- 6 Working group on the modification of the European Commission regulation on explosive detection dogs, Brussels
- 6 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Legal Task Force, Paris
- 6 12<sup>th</sup> European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group, Brussels
- 10-12 CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 2 training, Abidjan
- 11-12 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Study Group on Cyber Security, Paris
- 18-19 18<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of ECAC security auditors, Dublin
- 18-21 CASE Project cargo security regulations and implementing procedures mentoring activity, Luanda
- 19 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Facilitation Sub-group on Immigration, Paris
- 20 65<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Facilitation Sub-group on Persons with Reduced Mobility, Paris
- 20-21 Workshop on an Evolution of ECAC Doc 30, Part II, Dublin
- 26-28 CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 2 training, Djerba
- 27-28 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Behaviour Detection Study Group, Paris

## News from the Secretariat

ECAC is delighted to welcome Jen Milner from the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority, who has joined the Secretariat for a six-month secondment in the facilitation field. During Jen's five years at the CAA, her work has covered passengers with reduced mobility (PRMs), denied boarding regulations and alternative dispute resolution. During her secondment, Jen will be progressing the PRM quality assessment programme that aims at supporting ECAC Member States in monitoring the implementation of ECAC Doc 30 recommendations on the transport of PRMs. ■



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