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FACILITATION**

**PAKISTAN'S WORK ON AVIATION SECURITY
AND FACILITATION**

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INFORMATION PAPER

SUMMARY

Realizing the emphasis placed on Aviation Security and Facilitation by the international civil aviation community in the recent times, Pakistan CAA has been undertaking work to reaffirm its commitment towards supporting the said drive of the international civil aviation community. This paper outlines some efforts by Pakistan CAA to continue to implement ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices at the national level.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In the recent times, importance has been placed on ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices relating to Aviation Security and Facilitation. Noting the drive of the international civil aviation community, Pakistan has been undertaking work to support the resolve of the international aviation community for advancement and implementation of ICAO SARPS relating to Aviation Security and Facilitation.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 In line with ICAO's Annex-17 (Security) and Doc 8973, Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority has established Directorate of Security which looks after regulatory matters relating to Aviation Security. During the latest ICAO USAP E-Audit activity held in March 2021, the Security Directorate, and in turn Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority, was able to secure a Sustainability Indicator score of over 81% which is amongst the highest in the region and underlines PCAA's commitment towards Aviation Security. In line with ICAO SARPS, Pakistan, inter-alia, has been striving to further progress in the areas such as:-

- Risk-based security,
- Advanced security screening methods,
- Security culture integration in practices,
- Continuous Monitoring Approach in auditing and compliance,
- SeMS (Security Management System),
- Aviation Cyber Security Systems, and
- Insider threats.

2.2 PCAA is also keen on cooperation with international aviation security stakeholders and catering to foreign aviation security requirements. Meanwhile, the performance of PCAA on their assessments has also remained commendable. The most recent examples of our collaborative efforts is evidenced by the fact that all aircraft operators in Pakistan have been obligated to comply with any specific requirements set forth by:

- Department for Transport-UK,
- Directorate General of Civil Aviation France,
- General Authority of Civil Aviation Saudi Arabia,
- Transport Canada, USA and
- European Union / ECAC.

2.3 Whereby PCAA has been endeavoring to continuously monitor and improve implementation of ICAO SARPS, PCAA looks forward for assistance from ICAO and other Member States to enhance its capacity building in the field of AVSEC in general and capacity building of its AVSEC inspectors & Security Programs' Development in particular.

2.4 Additionally, in accordance with the Standard and Recommended Practices contained in Annex – 9 Facilitation, Pakistan CAA has undertaken major steps to implement the guidelines spelled out in Annex – 9.

2.5 As a first step, Pakistan has developed National Air Transport Facilitation Program and under the aegis of the said program, National Air Transport Facilitation Committee has been set up comprising of members from all relevant Authorities and stakeholders. Inaugural meeting of the NATFC has been convened and the Committee continues to work in pursuance of the guidelines spelled out in Annex – 09.

2.6 To support the resolve of the international civil aviation community for issuance of reliable MRTDs, relevant Authorities in Pakistan have launched our first e-passport / eMRTD in the month of March, 2022 and is fully compliant with relevant ICAO Standards. In the year 2019, during the USAP Audit of Pakistan, our MRTD/Passport was also found fully compliant with ICAO Standards and no observations were raised by the Auditing Team.

2.7 Pakistan is also committed to its contribution towards the Public Key Directory Program. Upon request from relevant Authorities in Pakistan, PCAA has also requested enrollment in the ICAO PDK Program. Pakistan CAA is discharging its role as the facilitator between ICAO and relevant Authorities in Pakistan and is fully committed to demonstrate support to relevant Standards and guidelines in this area.

2.8 Pakistan is also committed towards supporting ICAO TRIP Strategy and intends on actively participating in relevant forums, as and when required. Through the guidance provided by and efforts undertaken by ICAO, Pakistan will continue to support any such initiatives envisioned by the international aviation community.

3. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

3.1 The Conference is invited to note the information contained in this Paper.

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