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**FOSTERING OF AVIATION SECURITY IN RESPONSE TO
CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES AT GLOBAL, REGIONAL
AND NATIONAL LEVELS**

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INFORMATION PAPER

SUMMARY

The paper provides information on the effectiveness of government control measures aimed at better protection of transport infrastructure and air transport facilities from acts of unlawful interference (AUI), including terrorist attacks.

It outlines additional government control measures in the Russian Federation in order to ensure security at airports and airlines.

You are invited to note successful experience of the Russian Federation in the sphere of ensuring transport (aviation) security.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 After the tragic events in Belgium, Turkey, Great Britain, France and Russia and due to increased potential threats of AUI to civil aviation, Federal Air Transport Agency conducted an in-depth risk assessment of possible committing an act of unlawful interference at international airports worldwide, which provide services to Russian airlines. There is a need to improve methods and means of threat protection, as well as security of air transport as new types of threats emerge.

1.1.1 Information from Russian security agencies indicates continuing threats of acts of unlawful interference, including terrorist attacks targeting transport infrastructure and air transport facilities, owing to their high level of vulnerability.

1.2 Based on the assessment results and in order to protect live and health of passengers and crew members, Federal Air Transport Agency developed and forwarded to Russian airlines instructions to enhance aviation security measures for all regular, transit and charter flights with passengers onboard to/from airports of 47 foreign states.

1.3 In this regard, aviation authorities of the Russian Federation developed a number of measures aimed at fostering aviation security.

2. LIABILITY OF AIRLINES FOR SECURITY MEASURES

2.1 Directors of airlines shall hold meetings at airports of the abovementioned states in order to enhance aviation security measures for flights to the Russian Federation.

2.2 Wherever possible, flights shall be planned and conducted with stock of dry food and drinking water onboard.

2.3 Flight and cabin crews shall be reinforced (with the assistance of aviation security staff) as well as additional technical personnel for the implementation of aviation security measures, including protection of aircraft, prevention against third party access onboard at airports.

2.4 Pilots in command shall ensure that flight and cabin crews provide for aircraft handling and boarding at foreign airports.

2.5 Wherever possible, aircraft maintenance shall be provided by technical personnel or airline crew; the number of ground handling services at foreign airports (cabin clean, towing, luggage loading) shall be minimized (without compromising safety).

2.6 Prior to the beginning of each IATA seasonal schedule, Russian airlines shall perform aviation security audit at the abovementioned airports. In case of positive outcomes Federal Air Transport Agency issues flight permission.

3. ADDITIONAL AVIATION SECURITY MEASURES AT RUSSIAN FEDERATION AIRPORTS

3.1 Since 2011, security level No. 2 has been in place at airports of the Moscow air hub, international airports and federal airports of the Russian Federation, providing for 100% security screening of persons and carry-on items at terminal entrances in order to reinforce transport (aviation) security. Moreover, additional steps to reinforce the security of civil aviation facilities have been taken due to the announcement of airport infrastructure security level 2.

3.2 In order to ensure the security of passengers and air crew members at airports of the Russian Federation all aircraft, onboard supplies, crew members, civil aviation personnel, passengers, baggage, including carry-on items, as well as cargo and mail are subject to mandatory 100% pre-flight inspection, as well as post-flight inspection, if applicable in accordance with the Federal Law “On Police”.

3.3 Based on an analysis of the state of aviation security at civil aviation facilities, the priorities of the Comprehensive Federal Budget Funded Public Transport Security Programme have been identified as follows: construction of perimeter fences equipped with technical transport security facilities, patrol roads, and installation of state-of-the-art screening equipment at airports.

3.4 Amendments to the Russian Air Code pertaining to the prevention of unauthorized access to unmanned aerial systems were made in 2016.

3.5 Airport authorities are entitled to introduce additional aviation security measures at airports and adjacent territories (terminal access control, entrance screening, vehicle movement and parking control, etc.) in case of situations threatening secure airport operations.

3.6 Air carriers ensure that air passengers’ personal data are transmitted to automated centralized passenger data databases under Russian transport security and personal data laws for international air operations, as well as to relevant authorities of foreign states according to international treaties of the Russian Federation or the laws of the foreign states of departure, destination or transit, to the extent required.

3.7 Special security measures have been introduced by the President of the Russian Federation during the FIFA 2018 World Cup and the FIFA 2017 Confederations Cup. These measures were introduced in the regions of Russia where the infrastructure facilities intended to host the World Cup and the Confederations Cup are located, as well as adjacent water areas from 1 June to 12 July 2017, and from 25 May to 25 July 2018.

3.7.1 To support the implementation of the above measures, the following steps have been provided for, including but not limited to:

- ban on the trade (except for storage and seizure) of civilian and duty weapons, ammunition, explosives and industrial use materials and products containing them in the regions of the Russian Federation where special security measures are introduced;
- implementation of restricted areas, prohibited areas above the territory and waters where special security measures are introduced, with defined cases when the airspace of such areas is allowed for use.

3.8 Amidst growing threats of acts of unlawful interference with civil aviation activities, regional cooperation between States becomes crucial to coordinate efforts aimed at enhancing technologies and procedures that ensure aviation security at national levels, eliminating vulnerabilities in the overall security system.

4. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

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

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