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MINUTES OF THE 88th MEETING OF THE STAKEHOLDERS' ADVISORY GROUP ON AVIATION SECURITY

held in Brussels on Thursday 2 March 2017, 09:30-16:00

1. On 2 March 2017, the 88th meeting of the Stakeholders' Advisory Group on Aviation Security (SAGAS) was held in the in Centre de Conférences Albert Borschette, Brussels. Representatives were present from 14 stakeholder organisations (A4E, ACI Europe, ASSA-I, CLECAT, CoESS, EBAA, EEA, EASA, EOS, ERA, ETRC, EVAAS, IATA, Post EUROP, 21 Member States (BG, CZ, DE, DK, EL, ES, FI, FR, IE, IT, LT, LU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK and UK), CH, NO, EFTA Surveillance Authority, ECAC and ICAO. The meeting was chaired partly by Carlos Mestre, Head of Security Unit, Directorate-General for Transport and Mobility and by Michaela Strohschneider, Deputy Head of Security Unit, Directorate-General for Transport and Mobility.
2. The draft **agenda** (S8801rev2) was adopted as suggested by the Commission.
3. The **minutes of the 87th SAGAS meeting** (S8802) that took place on 17 November 2016 were adopted without modification. The final version of the minutes is available on circaBC.
4. The **Summary Record of the 91st meeting of the Regulatory Committee for Civil Aviation Security** (S8803) which took place on 16 November 2016 did not raise any comments.
5. ACI Europe informed that the **NL Supreme court** recently ruled that toothpaste and sunblock cream are to be considered as medicine for the purpose of LAGs screening at the NL airports (NB: NL informed about this decision of the Supreme court at the 91st AVSEC on 16 November 2016, see both AVSEC minutes and Summary record of the 91st AVSEC (S8803)).
6. The Commission debriefed Advisory Group on the discussions that took place at the first part of the **92nd meeting of the Regulatory Committee for Civil Aviation Security** which took place the day before, i.e. on 1 March 2017.
7. Under the "**Small amendments**" point, the Commission informed the Advisory group that translations of the draft implementing acts into all EU languages were not available, and therefore the chair decided to postpone the vote to a written voting procedure to be launched once the translations are available. The chair also reminded that the deadline by when the draft implementing acts and the amendments contained therein should become applicable (1 June 2017) will not be affected by this delay.
8. Post Europe asked about the state of play and status of Russian Federation and Lebanon as regards cargo.
9. As regards **Mapping of enhanced aviation security activities in Third countries, including capacity building and adaptability to time critical threat**, stakeholders were informed that Member States were invited to comment the document and provide information on any bilateral capacity building or other aviation security related initiatives.

The mapping activity is linked to the **Risk assessment of incoming flights**. These initiatives are expected to jointly assist in enhancing the security of EU-inbound flights.

10. The **Work programme** (S8805) has been amended and stakeholders were invited to actively contribute to it.
11. The Overview of the **trials** (S8806) has been slightly updated. Stakeholders suggested to divide the overview into ongoing trials and completed trials. It was also suggested to cover operational tests falling out of scope of Chapter 12 of Regulation in the overview. Stakeholders were therefore invited to provide relevant information.
12. The Commission debriefed about its **inspection activities** (S8807). In this connection, EOS informed about its discussions with JRC regarding equipment testing and announced a joint meeting between JRC – ACI Europe and EOS on the subject.
13. As regards **international developments**, ICAO presented its recent activities (S8808a, 8808b, 8808c), provided an overview of upcoming meetings and workshops in the EU/NAT region, provided updated dates about upcoming on-site and documentation based audits and raised ICAO global topics such as cargo security and cyber security. More contribution from ICAO was provided under Cyber security point.
14. **ECAC** summed up its recent activities (S8809). The ECAC's representative highlighted the guidelines on landside security that are being developed jointly with ACI Europe.
15. Concerning ECAC CEP –upon request from ICAO, it was explained that ECAC does not "certify", but only organises the process of evaluation. It has been underlined that it is a MS responsibility to certify equipment.
16. Under the **EU-US mutual recognition of cargo regimes**, the Commission informed stakeholders that the TSA has renewed its recognition for a 2-years period starting from 1 March 2017, and the air carriers are receiving the individual letters allowing them to apply the alternative measures.
17. The Commission also informed about the progress on **One Stop Security** talks with Singapore. The Commission informed Member States about a possible opening of OSS talks with Israel. Member States and stakeholders will be informed about any developments.
18. Under point 4 **Policy initiatives**, as regards the recurring point on **cybersecurity**, DG CONNECT debriefed the Stakeholders from the kick off meeting of the Cooperation group under NIS Directive. The contact point in DG CONNECT is Mrs. Svetlana Schuster (svetlana.schuster@ec.europa.eu).
19. CH as the chair of the ECAC Cyber Threats study group provided an update about the progress of its work, pointing out that more detailed presentation will be made at the upcoming ECAC Security Forum (9-10 March 2017).
20. The Commission informed the Stakeholders about the visit of ICAO HQ (ICAO Council and the Air Navigation Commission) in order to provide a brief on the EU/European cyber security initiatives in aviation.
21. ICAO pointed out to its recently sent State letter requesting information from States on cyber security legislation covering aviation sector (S8808c) and invited stakeholders to the ICAO Cyber Security Summit (Dubai, 4-6 April 2017).
22. As concerns **Landside security**, the Commission informed Stakeholders that it had charged *o* & *i* to conduct a study regarding the protection of public areas. The study will collect and analyse information on the additional measures taken at a sample of 10 European airports.

23. Under point 5 **Reports from Member States**, FR updated the Group on its security program "*Vision sûreté*" (S8815).
24. Under point 6 **Stakeholders activities**, ACI Europe presented a follow up on ETD "**ETD Lessons Identified**" (S8812). A joint presentation was given by IATA and ACI Europe on **Smart Security Program** (S8814). EVAAS presented its **Quality Charter for Validators** (S8811).
25. Under point 7 **Any other business**, ACI Europe provided an intervention on "**The 20 minutes Rule for X-ray Screeners**" (S8813).
26. ACI Europe had an informative point on "**Insulin pumps**" (S8813), asking for MS' support and arguing that in-built insulin pumps shall be considered as medical equipment. Passengers with in-built pumps shall therefore be screened by pat down or by ETD (not X-rays). ACI Europe requested this procedure to be covered in inspectors' handbook.
27. ACI Europe intervened about "**The use of laissez-passer for Unaccompanied Minors and Persons with Reduced Mobility**" (S8813) in order to initiate a discussion how airports deal with these types of passengers.
28. Furthermore, Stakeholders requested an update on the Commission proposal on **EU certification system for aviation security equipment**. Stakeholders were informed that the Commission proposal is being discussed under the ordinary legislative procedure and suggested them to follow the negotiations at the Council (AVIA Working Group) and in the European Parliament (TRAN Committee).
29. Upon the request from A4E, the Commission provided an update on **EASA Basic Regulation**. As the trilogue would start on 21 March 2017 only, the Stakeholders will be again updated at the next SAGAS meeting.

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The next SAGAS meeting will take place on **22 June 2017**.