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Agenda Item: 2.1

## **AEG Final Report**

Purpose: Consideration  
Submitted by: AEG Chair



**45th Transportation Working Group  
Meeting Closing Plenary  
Seoul, Korea  
24 April 2018**

## **Aviation Experts Group (AEG) - Final Report**

### **Summary Report to AEG for the Closing Plenary:**

49 delegates, representing 17 economies, and the APEC Secretariat met at the TPTWG-45.

### **Summary Report on Projects and Activities:**

#### **APEC-FUNDED PROJECTS:**

**APEC Business Aviation Initiative** – An AEG-endorsed Concept Note for a partially self-funded project may be developed inter-sessionally and submitted for APEC Secretariat approval. Further research is needed to determine the scope of the project but it is anticipated that a Concept Note will be submitted by the June cycle.

**New or On-going Project Endorsements/Sub-groups:** The AEG agreed to research the issue of Performance Based Communications and Surveillance (PBCS) certification capacity across APEC economies. The intent is to establish whether there is a gap and a need for capacity building. AEG has endorsed the development of a Concept Note to apply for APEC funding if it is discovered that there is a need. Coordination will occur inter-sessionally. AEG endorsed the development of a Concept Note to address Performance Based Navigation low implementation rates within APEC. This will be a repeat project. Coordination will occur inter-sessionally. These Concept Notes will be submitted after the June cycle.

#### **Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs:**

Elections were held for the AEG and subgroup chairs and vice-chairs. The results were as follows:

AEG Chair: Emily White, U.S.A.; AEG Vice-Chair: JU Yean-Dar, Chinese Taipei; Aviation Safety Subgroup Chair: Emily White, U.S.A.; Aviation Safety Subgroup Vice-Chair: Zou Peng, China; Aviation Security Subgroup Chair: Eric Yatar, U.S.A.; Aviation Security Subgroup Vice-Chair: Bernard Lim, Singapore; Air Services Subgroup Chair: Ben Taylor, U.S.A.; Air Services Subgroup Vice-Chair: Joyce Chan, Hong Kong, China.

## INTRODUCTION:

Ms. Emily White (USA), Chair of the Aviation Experts Group (AEG) welcomed 49 delegates attending the meeting on 23 April–24 April 2018, representing 17 economies. 1 guest participated in the meeting.

1. Australia - 1
2. China - 4
3. Hong Kong, China -3
4. Indonesia - 4
5. Japan – 1
6. Malaysia – 1
7. New Zealand -1
8. Papua New Guinea – 4
9. Peru - 2
10. Philippines - 3
11. Republic of Korea – 3
12. Russian Federation - 1
13. Singapore - 1
14. Chinese Taipei - 5
15. Thailand - 10
16. United States -6
17. Viet Nam - 1

## **ECONOMY REPORTS**

United States presented several reports on International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) updates, including Air Navigation Conference 13 and Upcoming Personnel Changes Remotely Piloted Aircraft, ICAO SARPs Changes and Prioritization of Security Agendas. Singapore presented the ICAO 29th AVSEC Panel read-out. Australia provided an update on the work of the ICAO Air Transport Regulation Panel (ATRP) working group, which last met in Jamaica from 5 to 6 April 2018. The purpose of this meeting was to continue discussions on the development of international multilateral agreements in the area of international air transport. Working group experts discussed the current drafts of the agreements developed at previous meetings, seeking to resolve remaining key issues related to the pace and extent of liberalization under the agreements. The discussions were productive, particularly on foreign investment, and work will continue ahead of a further meeting in the second half of 2018.

## **SUBGROUP REPORT SUMMARY TO AEG**

### **AEG-SAF**

1. The Aviation Safety Subgroup (AEG-SAF), Chaired by the United States, led the AEG Participants through a discussion comprised of the following topics: Cybersecurity and the Aviation Ecosystem; System Wide Information



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Management (SWIM): Access to FAA's flight, weather, and aviation weather data; Air Cargo Focus: Special Cargo; Performance Based Communication and Surveillance (PBCS), which were presented by the United States. China presented on Flight Standard of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).

2. National Business Aircraft Association (NBAA) offered talking points on the need for economies to develop adequate PBCS certification standards for aircraft on their registries so that these aircraft can participate in reduced separation schemes in PBCS airspace.

### **AEG-SRV**

1. The Air Services Sub-Group (AEG-SRV), chaired by the United States, held discussions related to the further liberalization of air services in the region. This included a discussion among all represented APEC Economies on developments in air service liberalization since TPTWG-44, and a readout of the AEG-SRV Final Report from TPTWG-44. The United States provided an update on APEC Tourism Working Group Activities as they relate to APEC's air services agenda. Chinese Taipei presented on Consumer Protection Regulations.
2. The AEG-SRV held a Special Session of the AEG-SRV. The AEG-SRV Special Session allowed Economies to hold bilateral, informal discussion on pertinent air services issues. In total, at least six bilateral meetings were held. This activity is in direct support of the Group's mandate to further liberalize air services within the APEC region, as highlighted by APEC Transportation Ministers in the TMM9 Joint Statement.

### **AEG-SEC**

1. The Aviation Security Subgroup (AEG-SEC) held discussions related to aviation security in the region. Singapore presented on Promoting Security Awareness in the Aviation Community. The United States provided a readout on its Public Area Security Summit to address landside security in the aviation environment and presented on the importance of Advanced Passenger Information/Passenger Name Records (API/PNR) for aviation security purposes. China presented on Application of New Technologies in Civil Aviation Security of China.

## **PROJECTS COMPLETED AND RESULTS ACHIEVED**

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

1. ICAO 2018 Legal Seminar in the Asia-Pacific Region, 24-25 May 2018 in Incheon, Republic of Korea.



2. ICAO International Air Law Course, 28 May to 1 June in Incheon, Republic of Korea.
3. The 15th Steering Committee Meeting (SCM) of the Civil Aviation Security Programme – Asia Pacific (CASP-AP) will be held 1-2 July 2018 in Gan Islands, Addu Atoll, Republic of Maldives.
4. ICAO APAC 6th Regional Aviation Security Coordination Forum (RASCF-APAC/6) will be held 3-4 July 2018 in Gan Islands, Addu Atoll, Republic of Maldives.
5. ICAO Air Navigation Conference/13 (ANC/13). October 9-19, 2018, Montreal, Canada.
6. The 55th ICAO Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation of the Asia and Pacific Regions will be held 22-26 October 2018 in Nadi, Fiji – under the theme “Collaboration and Harmonization for Safe, Secure and Sustainable Aviation in the Asia-Pacific Region”
7. The 2nd ICAO Global Aviation Security Symposium (AVSEC2018) will be held at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, Canada, 27-28 November 2018.
8. ICAO High Level Conference on Aviation Security will be held at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal, Canada, 29-30 November 2018.
9. ICAO Air Services Negotiation Conference (ICAN). Kenya, date TBD (expected last quarter 2018).

#### **LINKAGES TO MINISTERS’ AND LEADERS’ DIRECTIVES**

All work in the Aviation Sub-groups are directly linked to the TMM10 and prior Ministerial Statements, TEMM Joint Statement, and APEC Connectivity Blueprint 2015-2025.

#### **REQUIRED AMENDMENTS TO THE TPTWG 2017 WORK PROGRAM**

The work plan was updated.

#### **CLASSIFICATION OF MEETING DOCUMENTS**

There were 2 documents tabled at the meeting that were considered to require restricted access: Summary of Proceedings of ICAO 29<sup>th</sup> AVSEC Panel and Promoting Awareness on Aviation Security.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- ICAO Updates 1 & 2
- Summary of Proceedings of ICAO 29<sup>th</sup> AVSEC Panel
- Consumer Protection Mechanisms



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- Flight Standards for UAS
- Cybersecurity and the Aviation Ecosystem
- System Wide Information Management (SWIM)
- Special Cargo
- API/PNR for Aviation Security
- Application of New Technologies in Civil Aviation Security of China
- Promoting Awareness on Aviation Security



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