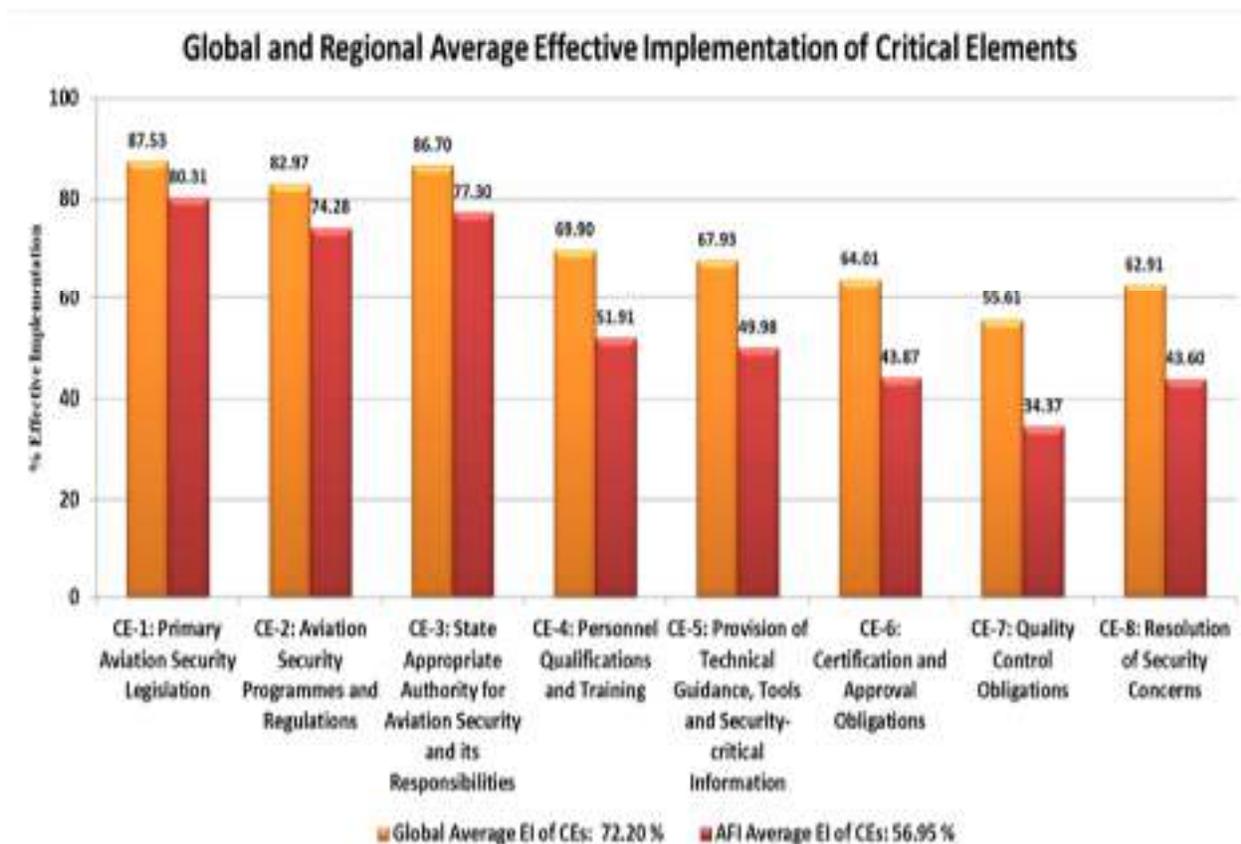




a score average below the global EI average (72.20%). In the AFI Region, the average EI for the five weakest CEs is at 44.74%.



- 1.2. The analysis made by ICAO confirms that in the AFI region, there are States with very strong Aviation Security oversight system with scores above global average while others are with very weak systems lagging well below the global average and Continental Windhoek Targets.
- 1.3. In order to eliminate Security deficiencies and enhance Aviation Security in the AFI Region, ICAO in collaboration with AFCAC established Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI-SECFAL Plan). The Steering Committee of the AFI-SECFAL Plan since its establishment has been assisting member States and playing a leading role on the establishment of a Continental Declaration and Targets (the Windhoek Declaration). Furthermore, the AFI-SECFAL plan initiated the need to create a Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFLAG-AFI) as a technical body of the SECFAL Plan to be managed by AFCAC to attain its objectives in accordance with its Terms of References.
- 1.4. AFCAC, in close collaboration with the AFI SECFAL secretariat established a Roster of Experts from member States where ICAO makes the validation and competencies. The team of Experts reinforced the RASFLAG-AFI, among others on expanding of its contributions to the AFI SECFAL Plan activities and to AFCAC in assisting States through technical missions on existing or potential Significant Security Concerns (SSeCs) and other aviation security and facilitation deficiencies. To date there is a total of 68 Experts on the Roster established by AFCAC.

## 2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1. AFCAC, with the technical support of ICAO, has created a pool of qualified and experienced Aviation Security and Facilitation experts, selected from within the AFI Region to provide assistance to member States under the RASFALG-AFI Group,
- 2.2. The Champion DGs meeting held from 4-6 June 2018 in Durban, South Africa cognizing of the potential benefits of the Team of Experts of RASFALG-AFI endorsed the Decision of the 7th SC-of on the establishment of the Cooperative Experts Scheme (CES) AFI-CES taking into account the mechanisms in place for Safety in AFI, Cooperative Inspectorate Scheme, AFI-CIS..
- 2.3. The Fifth Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group RASFALG-AFI held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 11 to 12 June 2018, agreed on the establishment of Aviation Security Facilitation Experts Scheme. The meeting further requested AFI SECFAL Secretariat and AFCAC to look at the proposed options to see the best way to establish modalities on how to operationalize the scheme, taking into account the scheme established for Safety (Cooperative Inspectorate Scheme-AFI-CIS).
- 2.4. The Seventh meeting of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan) Steering Committee (SC), held on 19 July 2018 in Niamey, Niger urged AFCAC and ICAO to continue working on the proposed options for the operationalization of the Scheme (CES) and approved in principle its financing under the AFI SECFAL Plan.
- 2.5. The Sixth Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group RASFALG-AFI held in Praia, Cabo Verde, from 6 to 8 November 2018, reviewed the draft on Security and Facilitation Cooperative Experts Scheme (AFI- CES) and its operationalization mechanism and submitted its recommendation on its adoption (Attachment I)

## 3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1. The aim of the AFI-CES is to reinforce the already established team of Experts of the RASFALG-AFI, through among others, instituting a mechanism for effective coordination with ICAO and Partners, harmonize the various initiatives to assist member States and avoid duplications of efforts.
- 3.2. AFCAC and the Secretariat of AFI-SECFAL are working collaboratively taking into account the decision made by the SC-AFI SECFAL including the approval in principle of financing of assistance missions to States through the existing Roster of Experts of RASFALG.
- 3.3. The establishment of the CES will reinforce the Team of Experts of RASFLAG-AFI, intensify assistance missions and enhance collaboration with ICAO to the priority States with SSeCs and very low EIs of SARPs.
- 3.4. The draft document on the establishment of the AFI-CESis prepared in collaboration with the Secretariat of AFI-SECFAL (ICAO) and reviewed by the 6<sup>th</sup> RASFLAG-AFI.

#### **4. ACTION REQUIRED BY THE PLENARY**

The Plenary is invited to:

- a) Note the need to reinforce and coordinate technical assistance missions to resolve security oversight deficiencies and/or low USAP-CMA and implement Windhoek Targets through the adaption of best practices,
- b) Note the decisions of the SC of AFI-SECFAL Plan and AFI-DG resolution on the establishment, operationalization and funding of the Security and Facilitation Cooperative Experts Scheme (AFI- CES);
- c) Approve the establishment and operationalization of the AFI-CES as a regional aviation security and facilitation initiative (Attachment II),and the Draft Resolution on aviation security and facilitation ;
- d) Request the AUC, Regional Economic Communities, States, ICAO and Partners to support the AFI-CES; and
- e) Call upon Member States to designate Experts and sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the release and use of Experts of the CES.



## ATTACHMENTS WP/05/A

### DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE SECURITY AND FACILITATION

#### *The Plenary,*

**Considering**, the importance of aviation security and facilitation in air transport industry development worldwide, and its impact on the national economic development particularly in Africa;

**Considering**, the ICAO Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP-CMA ) findings, as well as other sources of information which points to the need for strengthening aviation security and facilitation in the Continent;

**Considering**, that common challenges among AFCAC member States have been identified in aviation security regulatory, oversight and operational areas;

**Expressing**, our profound appreciation to ICAO for the significant contributions made by the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL);

**Mindful**, of the political commitment of the African Union for supporting the framework for coordinating activities of African States, donor states, organizations and industry for aimed at ensuring the effective implementation of the Windhoek Declaration and Targets on aviation security and facilitation;

**Considering**, the Windhoek Declaration and Targets adopted to address challenges facing Africa's Aviation Security and Facilitation and the continent's commitment to the implementation of Annexes 9 and 17 to the Chicago Convention;

**Mindful**, of the establishment of an AFI Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group (RASFALG-AFI), its team of Experts and the significant roles in serving as a technical arm for AFCAC and the AFI-SECFAL plan;

**Commending**, States that have designated Aviation Security and Facilitation Experts and Instructors to the roster of team of experts established to provide technical assistance to States in need;

**Noting** AFCAC's initiative to assist States with SSeCs in resolving deficiencies observed from USAP-CMA audit results in collaboration with the AFI-SECFAL plan of ICAO;

**Recognizing** AFCAC's collaborative works with Partners in capacity building measures and exchange of expertise through the use of Experts from member States;

**Noting**, the implementation status of the Cooperative scheme of aviation security and facilitation Experts of the RASFALG-AFI in Africa aimed at reinforcing the roster of the Team of Experts and at optimizing resources to reach out to States on technical assistance;

**Calling**, upon States to designate Experts for the Cooperative Scheme and those which need technical assistance to benefit from such a mechanism through signings of the MoU;

**Concerned**, about the low level of responses to AFCAC on the Questionnaire on the Status of implementation of the Windhoek Targets, MoU, etc;

**Calls on** member States, AFCAC and Partners to harmonize the various initiatives in the Continent to avoid duplication of efforts; and

**Focusing**, on improving the coordination of efforts by African States, regional organizations, industry and assistance partners.

**Resolves that:**

- a) the Cooperative Experts' of aviation security and facilitation scheme (AFI-CES) be adopted as per the approved Terms of Reference and instructs the Secretariat to expedite its full operationalization;
- b) member States implement the Standards and Recommended Practices contained in ICAO Annex 9 – Facilitation and Annex 17 – Aviation Security;
- c) member States effectively implement the Corrective Action Plans for resolving security and security-related facilitation deficiencies identified by ICAO audits and on-going activities under the Universal Security Audit Programme Continuous monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA)
- d) member States ratify relevant international instruments on aviation security , including the Beijing Convention and Protocol and make a concerted effort for their effective implementation;
- e) member States should accelerate the establishment of dedicated national and airport aviation security and facilitation committees and inform AFCAC of their formation;
- f) member States to take necessary measures in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities, specialized institutions, and other stakeholders to speed up the implementation of the Windhoek declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation Targets for Africa ;
- g) AFCAC in collaboration with ICAO expedite operationalization of the CES to assure optimum utilization of AVSEC&FAL resources and expertise and assistance to member States by giving utmost priority to SSeCs;
- h) AFCAC in close cooperation and coordination with ICAO, promote awareness of all stakeholders about the state of aviation security in Africa, including at the State level, and the international community's expectations for improvement;
- i) ICAO to expedite harmonization of the various initiatives and Plan of actions in the Continent, taking into account the Global Aviation Security Plan(GASeP) and aimed at avoiding duplication of efforts and optimization of resources ;and
- j) ICAO be requested to support the activities of RASFALG-AFI and CES through availing resources pledged by Partners to Africa through SECFAL plan.