(5) Status of Implementation of the USOAP CAP

The Board was informed that as part of the implementation of the USOAP CAP, the Agency Secretariat was convening Working Groups to review and improve on the Regulations and TGMs as stated in the correction action plans (CAPs).

The Board in discussion emphasized the need to have the Status of the implementation of the USOAP and USAP CAPs as standing Agenda items to brief the Board and track the implementation status.

(6) Recertification Process of Air Operators

The Board was informed that the technical assistance from the FAA has a new Program Coordinator on the Safe Skies for Africa Program, Mr Barry Smith, who is assembling a new team of experts dedicated for assisting the EAC. Some members of the team will assemble in Washington to cursory review the submitted airlines documents and provide feedback by 18th December 2009. The Secretariat informed the Board that all the three airlines did not submit some manuals as they were still under development.

The Board considered the update and emphasized the need to complete the documents evaluation phase by submitting all the required documents before assembly of the FAA team in Washington.

(7) Discussions Between the Airlines and Partner States CAAs on Inspectors’ Insurance While on Duty

The Board was informed that the consultations between the airlines and the Partner States CAA had not yet been carried out because it was found wanting for the Agency and Partner States CAA to get an appropriate Forum that would deliberate on the issue.

The Board agreed that there is a need for a study on the various options on the matter and presentation to the Board for consideration during the 10th Board Meeting.
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PROGRESS ON THE RE-CERTIFICATION PROCESS OF AIR OPERATORS

The Agency Secretariat informed the Meeting that the airlines were unable to submit the completed documents to the respective CAA Certification Teams within the agreed timeframe and therefore the document compliance/evaluation phase was not concluded as planned.

The Agency Secretariat informed the Meeting that it had received the majority of the required manuals and documents from the airlines and had forwarded them to the FAA technical team for review and feedback. The FAA had informed the Agency that their inspectors are going to be assembled in Washington for review of the submitted documents and that it was expected to be completed by 18th December 2009. However, the Agency Secretariat requested that all the pending documents be complete and delivered to the Agency before the end of November for submission to Washington.

The Board emphasized the importance for conclusion of this process and therefore the Certification teams should ensure that the airlines completed all the required documents and had them reviewed before submission to CASSOA by 27th November 2009.

The Board:

| a) took note of the progress on the Recertification process; |
| b) directed the Certification teams to ensure that the airlines completed all the required documents and review them before submission to CASSOA by 27th November 2009 without fail. |

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RELOCATION OF THE AGENCY TO ITS NEW HEADQUARTERS IN THE HOST STATE

The Board was informed that the EAC Secretariat, CASSOA and representatives of the Uganda Government had successfully concluded the negotiations on the Headquarters Agreement from 10th – 11th August 2009 and it was now waiting signing. However, signing was subject to Uganda Government officials’ consulting and obtaining clearance from their Ministry of Justice. The Secretariat has written letters of reminder to the Ministry of EAC Affairs for conclusion and signing of the Agreement.

The Agency Secretariat further informed the Meeting that it had conducted a mission to the new premises in Entebbe from 15th – 17th October 2009 to verify the ICT requirements for the Headquarters Phase 1 IT implementation.

The Meeting was informed that Uganda had reported that the remodelling exercise was substantially completed except for the window panes which had to be tinted to tone
The Board urged Partner States to share all security threat information in the wake of the recent terrorism threat in the region and directed the Agency Secretariat to work with the AVSEC WG to develop a mechanism for sharing sensitive aviation security information.

The Agency Secretariat informed the Meeting that the security threat assessment and risk management training sponsored by the British government scheduled to take place in March 2010 to be carried out in Kenya and Uganda. Details on the training and participants will be coordinated with the AVSEC WG.

**The Board:**

- took note of the implementation status of USAP CAP reports;
- directed the Agency Secretariat and the Technical Committee – Regulatory to ensure a comprehensive report is presented at every ordinary Board meeting analysing the USAP corrective action plan implementation status;
- urged Partner States to share security threat information in the region;
- directed the Agency Secretariat to work with the AVSEC WG to develop a mechanism for sharing sensitive aviation security information; and
- took note of the planned Security threat Assessment and risk management training to be sponsored by the British Government.

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**PROGRESS ON THE RECERTIFICATION PROCESS OF AIR OPERATORS**

During the 9th Board Meeting, the Agency Secretariat presented a progress Report in which it was reported that the airlines under the process of being recertified had submitted their documents to their respective regulatory Authorities who in turn had forwarded them to CASSOA. The Agency Secretariat had forwarded the same documents to FAA in Washington, who promised to complete the review by 18th December 2009. Preliminary information from the FAA indicated that although the submitted documents were of a significantly improved quality, some manuals were still missing. FAA submitted to CASSOA a matrix of received and missing manuals which in turn CASSOA forwarded to the respective Partner States. However, the Agency Secretariat reported despite repeated requests the FAA has not submitted a report on the outcome of their review.

After the review of the submitted documents, the FAA agreed to resume its technical assistance visits to EAC Partner States and its first visit is scheduled to be Kenya from 8th – 12th March 2010, followed by Tanzania and Uganda concurrently from 12th – 23rd March 2010.

During the 11th TC – R Meeting that convened from 14th – 15th January, 2010, the Directors responsible for safety oversight agreed to submit the missing documents and any clarification by 20th January 2010. Kenya submitted the missing documents and clarification during the 10th Board Meeting.