ACP in Action:
U.S.-India Aviation Security
Workshop in New Delhi, March 4-6

"India and the U.S. share common goals for effective security in both our domestic and international aviation arenas. USTDA is pleased to help bring together our two countries' leading public and private sector stakeholders to expand this important cooperation under the U.S.-India Aviation Cooperation Program (ACP)," stated Henry Steingass, Regional Director for South and Southeast Asia, USTDA at the start of the three day workshop on Aviation Security in New Delhi.

The Workshop panels discussed the challenges and opportunities for closer cooperation between the United States and India in the aviation security arena. The aviation market in India is growing at one of the fastest rates in the world and is projected to be among the top three globally in terms of passenger enplanements by the year 2020. The high growth rates in both passenger and air cargo volume over the past six years demonstrate the

need for future aviation and cargo operations to be more efficient, a major focus of the long-running U.S.-India Aviation Cooperation Program (ACP).

At the same time, streamlining security checkpoints and cargo security at airports, meeting the demand for an increased workforce across the industry, and ensuring that aviation personnel maintain training that meets international standards are key goals for India's civil aviation sector.

Addressing the inaugural session of the workshop, Anil Srivastava, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation said that security has become a challenge due to technological advancement as undesirable people were finding ways to evade security arrangements. He said India, in cooperation with global partners, has been implementing various cooperation programs in the field of aviation security.

The workshop, which was part of the US-India Aviation Cooperation

Workshop Seeks to Increase Bilateral Cooperation in Aviation Security

Mr. Chaukiyal, Member (Operations), AAI addressing a panel

program, focussed on measures to expedite passengers screening and enhance customer service, integration of human security manpower and technology and current and future risk-based security programs in the US and India.

The Workshop highlighted current technologies and industry and government best practices for ensuring a strong and efficient aviation security environment. Indian officials represented public and private sector organizations responsible for the future development of India's aviation security systems and practices.

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