



## NEW JAITF !



### ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIRCOP/CCP INTERAGENCY GROUP IN NORTH MACEDONIA

AIRCOP is proud to announce the official opening of the UNODC-supported Border Interagency Unit (BIU) of Skopje, North Macedonia. The BIU is composed of a Joint Airport Interdiction Task Force (JAITF - AIRCOP Programme) focused on passenger threats and an Air Cargo Control Unit (ACCU - Container Control Programme) focused on cargo. In the last two years, AIRCOP engaged has supported the operationalization of this unit through several theoretical and practical trainings both online and in-person as well as a study visit for customs and border police officers composing the team, as well as through the procurement of office furniture and IT Equipment for the BIU's office within Skopje International Airport. The establishment of AIRCOP/CCP inter-agency groups in the region is carried out in the framework of the EU-UNODC joint action on promoting rule of law and good governance through targeted border control measures at ports and airports, funded by the European Union and implemented jointly by AIRCOP and CCP in cooperation with the [UNODC Regional Programme for South Eastern Europe](#).

### FIRST MEETING OF THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP IN SIERRA LEONE

Collecting and processing Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Records (PNR) can help prevent terrorist travel. From 12-13 May, more than 70 representatives from border law enforcement, security and civil aviation agencies from 17 West African countries met in Freetown (Sierra Leone) for the First Meeting of the West Africa Informal Working Group (IWG) in the framework of the Countering Terrorist Travel Programme. CT Travel is a global initiative to build Member States capacities, to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute terrorist offenses and other serious crimes, including their related travel, by collecting and analyzing passenger data, both API and PNR, including through Passenger Information Units (PIUs). AIRCOP, through its recognized specific operational experience oversees Pillar 2 of the CT Travel, which focuses on the institutional set up and operationalization of the PIUs. Within the framework of the CT Travel Programme, the West Africa IWG was launched to foster the sharing of best practices, lessons learned and enable the widest possible cooperation and exchange of information between the PIUs of the region.

### CT TRAVEL - AFRICA



## KEY SEIZURES



**Date:** 27 June  
**Place:** Dakar  
**Seizure:** 200 kg of sea cucumbers  
**Further information:**  
 Bound for China. Freight.

**Date:** 16 June  
**Place:** Lima  
**Seizure:** 5.7 kg of cocaine  
**Further information:**  
 Concealed in shampoo bottles. Bound for Madrid, Spain.

**Date:** 22 June  
**Place:** Santa Cruz  
**Seizure:** 17 000 doses of MDMA (ecstasy)  
**Further information:**  
 Collaboration with Brussels Airport.

**Date:** 17 June  
**Place:** Yaoundé  
**Interception :** 9 Passengers  
**Further information:**  
 Human trafficking. Chadian women, bound for Oman.

### AIRCOP SUPPORTS IMPROVING BORDER SECURITY IN ALGERIA

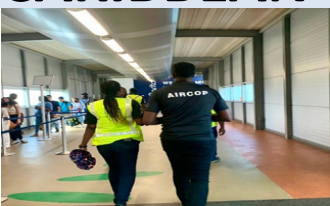
## ALGERIA

With financial support from Canada, AIRCOP conducted a 2-day workshop on the organization and functioning of PIU in Algiers, Algeria from 31 May to 1 June 2022. 32 officials from the DSGN, Gendarmerie, Customs, Police, Ministry of Transportation, and other relevant authorities involved in air border management and the implementation of PIU in Algeria, attended the workshop. The workshop revolved around best practices in establishing a PIU, including the methodologies of analyzing data available for targeting and profiling suspicious passengers, as well as the roles of different actors and agencies in the targeting process. AIRCOP will continue to support collaboration and capacity building with the government of Algeria towards the establishment of their national PIU.



## CARIBBEAN

### CARIBBEAN JAITFS GATHERED IN KINGSTON TO IDENTIFY GOOD PRACTICES IN THEIR WORK



From 23 to 27 May, officers from AIRCOP JAITFs from Barbados, Jamaica (Kingston & Montego Bay) and Trinidad and Tobago, took part in joint operations aimed at reflecting on best practices and discussing challenges that lie ahead. With rapid evolving threats, strengthening operational collaboration across the AIRCOP network in the Caribbean is essential to remain on the lookout. Regional and international flights were targeted, with focus on passengers and air cargo. In addition, during this week, AIRCOP hosted a joint meeting with international partners to foster dialogue and strengthen collaboration and cooperation with the international community.



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