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AIRCOP WORKSHOP IN ERBIL

From 17 to 19 December 2019, AIRCOP delivered a workshop in Erbil, Iraq, on risk assessment using passenger data, with contributions from the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB), the United Nations Office on Counter Terrorism (UNOCT), the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTED) and INTERPOL. Experts from Finland Border Guards and Italian Guardia di Finanza also shared their national experiences. The workshop, funded by Japan, aimed at raising awareness about the use of passenger data in risk assessment and informing the Iraqi decision on steps to implement API/PNR system in compliance with the international obligations. 30 representatives from national agencies from the federal Government as well as from the Kurdistan region, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Justice, the Intelligence Directorate, the National Security Advisory and Customs participated in the workshop.



AIRCOP/UNOCT WORKSHOP IN PUNTA CANA

From 28 to 30 November 2019, AIRCOP, in collaboration with UNOCT, delivered a workshop on counter terrorism to 45 participants from various airlines operating in the Dominican Republic, as well as representatives from the AIRCOP Joint Airport Interdiction Task Force (JAITF) in Punta Cana.

Key Seizures:

Date: 3 December 2019 

Place: Barbados

Seizure: 11,4 kg cannabis

Route: Canada - Barbados

Airline: Air Canada

Concealment: in the double bottom of a wooden box

Date: 20 November 2019 

Place: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Seizure: 3, 5 kg cocaine

Route: Argentina - Afghanistan

Concealment: in two shipments

Further Information: in collaboration with the Argentinean Customs

Date: 27 November 2019 

Place: Dakar, Senegal

Seizure: 5 kg cocaine and 0,5 kg meth

Route: Guinea Bissau - Senegal - Lisbon - Australia

Airline: Asky Airlines

Concealment: in wooden sculptures

Further Information: in collaboration with the Senegalese Customs

NATIONAL AIRCOP STEERING COMMITTEE IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE



On 5 December 2019, the national AIRCOP steering committee in Abidjan brought together the 4 agencies involved in the JAITF at Félix Houphouët-Boigny international airport, namely the Police, Gendarmerie, Customs and Water and Forests Department, to review their activities and identify areas for improvement. At the meeting, the directors of each agency were also presented with the results of polygraph tests conducted on JAITF agents in March 2019 as part of a selection process to create an Intelligence Cell within the unit, specialized in risk analysis, targeting operations and the management of the CENcomm and I-24/7 communication tools.

"ALL-OF-UN" DEEP-DIVE MISSION IN SUDAN



From 3 to 5 December 2019, AIRCOP contributed to the "All-of-UN" deep-dive mission to Sudan in the context of the UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme. The mission aimed at scoping the current readiness and capacity of the Republic of the Sudan to use passenger data to detect and intercept foreign terrorist fighters, in accordance with Security Council Resolutions 2178 (2014), 2396 (2017) and 2482 (2019). All relevant stakeholders actively participated in the assessment and the Sudanese authorities expressed their consistent and strong commitment to improve national and international security.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CONTROLLED DELIVERY LEADS TO 3 ARRESTS



As a result of a controlled delivery operation initiated in June 2019 by the JAITF at Ezeiza International Airport, in collaboration with the Argentinean customs department (AFIP) and law enforcement officers (PSA) and judges from Argentina, Spain, Portugal and Cabo Verde, the sender of a shipment containing 3,1 kg of cocaine was arrested on 7 October 2019. The intercepted drugs, found concealed in a steel cylinder, were replaced by Argentinean authorities, with flour and sand, which continued on their way to Cabo Verde, via Spain and Portugal. The initial operation resulted in the arrest of two individuals in Cabo Verde, who provided information that led to the capture of the sender.

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