

## CHALLENGES OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY IN THE XXI CENTURY

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### Abstract

Civil aviation security is states' strategic objective; while contemporary threats are not related to geographic borders, still, airports, airplanes and other air transportation means represent the replacement targets. Violent acts have brought insecurity that affects safety and order of air transport. However, by analyzing the situation presented in this paper, we can conclude that air safety is considerably improved in comparison to previous years, stating the International Air Transport Association General Director: "travelling by airplane is one of the safest travelling that a man can get. Protection of civil aviation against interfering illegal acts seeks continuous vigilance in developing and implementing positive preserving actions by International Organizations and state institutions. Whereas, there is a clear need to strengthen the security (applying the measurements) in all the phases of process related to transportation of people and their belongings in airplanes and in cargo. Also, equipment for reading travelers' and plane crew's personal identification documents have to be used to strengthen the resistance to frauds by faulty passports or any other acts. All these measurements, without any doubts, serve the purpose of discovering terrorists so we can prevent acts of illegal interference. The role of civil aviation security in the Republic of Kosovo security sector is an issue of a vital importance. We cannot refer to authentic security if there is no security in the field of civilian aviation. The concept of civil aviation security in is a new field for The Republic of Kosovo institutions, since this field before the proclamation of independence was a restricted one. After the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo came into force, Ministry of Internal Affairs is a responsible body to insure security of the Civil Aviation in the Republic of Kosovo based on the Law on Civil Aviation.

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