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A39-20: Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to facilitation

Whereas Annex 9 — *Facilitation*, was developed as a means of articulating the obligations of Member States under Articles 22, 23 and 24 of the Convention and standardizing procedures for meeting the legal requirements referred to in Articles 10, 13, 14, 29 and 35;

Whereas implementation of the Standards and Recommended Practices in Annex 9 is essential to facilitate the clearance of aircraft, passengers and their baggage, cargo and mail and manage challenges in border controls and airport processes so as to maintain the efficiency of air transport operations; and

Whereas it is essential that Member States continue to pursue the objective of maximizing efficiency and security in such clearance operations;

The Assembly:

1. *Resolves* that the Appendices attached to this resolution and listed below constitute the consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to facilitation, as these policies exist at the close of the 39th Session of the Assembly:

Appendix A — Development and implementation of facilitation provisions

Appendix B — National and international action in ensuring the security and integrity of traveller identification and border controls

Appendix C — National and international action and cooperation on facilitation matters

Appendix D — Passenger Data Exchange Systems

2. *Requests* the Council to keep the consolidated statement related to facilitation under review and advise the Assembly as appropriate when changes are needed to the statement; and

3. *Declares* that this resolution supersedes Resolution A38-16: Consolidated statement of continuing policies related to facilitation.

APPENDIX C

National and international action and cooperation on facilitation matters

Whereas there is a need for continuing action by Member States to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of clearance control formalities;

Whereas the establishment and active operation of national facilitation programmes and facilitation committees is a proven means of effecting needed improvements;

Whereas cooperation on facilitation matters amongst Member States and with the various national and international parties interested in facilitation matters has brought benefits to all concerned;

Whereas such cooperation has become vital in the light of the proliferation of non-uniform passenger data exchange systems that adversely affect the viability of the air transport industry;

Whereas the threat of worldwide transmission of communicable diseases by means of air transport has increased in past years; and

Whereas Annex 9 provides for the facilitation of assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families;

The Assembly:

1. *Urges* Member States to establish and utilize national facilitation programmes and facilitation committees and adopt policies of cooperation on a regional basis among neighbouring States;
2. *Urges* Member States to participate in regional and subregional facilitation programmes of other intergovernmental aviation organizations;
3. *Urges* Member States to take all necessary steps, through national facilitation programmes and facilitation committees or other appropriate means, for:
 - a) regularly calling the attention of all interested departments of their governments to the need for:
 - i. making the national regulations and practices conform to the provisions and intent of Annex 9; and
 - ii. working out satisfactory solutions for day-to-day problems in the facilitation field; and
 - b) taking the initiative in any follow-up action required;
4. *Urges* Member States to encourage the study of facilitation problems by their national and other facilitation programmes and committees and to coordinate the findings of their committees on facilitation problems with those of other Member States with which they have air links;
5. *Urges* neighbouring and bordering Member States to consult one another about common problems that they may have in the facilitation field whenever it appears that these consultations may lead to a uniform solution of such problems;
6. *Urges* Member States, aircraft operators and airport operators to continue to cooperate intensively as regards:
 - a) identification and solution of facilitation problems; and
 - b) developing cooperative arrangements for the prevention of illicit narcotics trafficking, illegal immigration, the spread of communicable diseases and other threats to national interests;
7. *Urges* Member States to call upon aircraft and airport operators and their associations to participate in electronic data interchange systems in order to achieve maximum efficiency levels in the processing of cargo traffic at international terminals;

8. *Urges* Member States to implement the provisions of Annex 9 to facilitate assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families;
9. *Urges* Member States and aircraft and airport operators, in cooperation with interested international organizations, to make all possible efforts to speed up the handling and clearance of air cargo, while ensuring the security of the international supply chain; and
10. *Urges* Member States to undertake dialogue and cooperation between national and regional facilitation and security-related bodies.