Privatization in the Provision of Airport and Air Navigation Services

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ICAO Policy on Autonomous Authorities

ICAO recommends that
Governments explore establishing
autonomous authorities

ICAO Policy on Privatization

Privatization may offer significant benefits in certain cases

Caveat

Safeguards must be implemented first



Doc 9082

Statements by the Council to Contracting States on Charges for Airports and Air Navigation Services



Doc 9562

Airport Economics Manual Doc 9161

MANUAL ON AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES ECONOMICS



Global Trends



Driving Forces

- → Finance
- →Government Outlook
- → Attractive Offers

Financial considerations States



Financial Considerations

- Where traffic volume high, private sector can finance
- Source of revenue for governments
- Good financial bids from private sector

Government Outlook

Airports =

commercial entities =

non-core sector



Global Airport Management Industry

Terms used

Commercialization

Corporatization

Joint Venture

Privatization

Privatization

Direct involvement of private sector in ownership or management of certain facilities/services through ...

Major Stages of Privatization

- →Government-owned enterprises
- Private sector participation/ involvement
- → Privatized airports

Government-owned Enterprises

- → Autonomous corporation
- →100% equity owned by government
- Commercial enterprises responsible for airport and/or ANS

Private Sector Participation

- Development and management of airport facilities or ANS
 - < than 50% stake
- →Short/Medium-term leases
 - < 20 years
- → Management contracts

Privatized Airports

- →+50% private sector stake in equity
- →Trade sale/freehold sale
- →Long-term leases +20 years

Government Options

State Contracts
Ownership
Leases

Minority Ownership/ participation control

What works best for your state?

Airports and ANSS afe Service Industries

Primary Objective?

To provide safe, secure, efficient and economical service to airlines, passengers, shippers and other users

Key to Success?

Financial and operational autonomy of ownership and organizational structure

Special Features of Airport Infrastructure





Major Issues to be considered

- →In-depth analysis of airport infrastructure
- →Profit and loss account of airports and ANSs separately
- What services and facilities are to be privatized and the method
- →The remaining services?

Privatization Air Navigation Services



Legal and Regulatory Aspects



Privatization process

- Government should provide all possible information to potential bidders
- Selected operator should be wellreputed, financially sound and experienced

Risks to States

- Leasing entity may become bankrupt
- Private entity may ignore safety requirements
- Conflict of interest between one entity and another

Reorganization of Civil Aviation Structure

- Keep remaining airports and ANS with government
- Create autonomous entity for provision of airports and ANS with government commitment to meet financial needs to cover other requirements
- Autonomous entity can manage ANS and other airports stay with gov.
- Privatize remaining airports and select a party which demands least subsidy



