



FACILITATION (FAL) DIVISION — TWELFTH SESSION

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AGENDA

(Presented by the Secretariat)

Theme: “*Managing Security Challenges to Facilitate Air Transport Operations*”

1. DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE DIVISION

1.1 The Division will consider reports of progress made in the updating of Annex 9 and the specifications for machine readable travel documents, as well as an overview of the current status of the various issues in the facilitation field.

1.2 In the light of recent developments illustrating the essential role of facilitation measures in the improvement of security, the Division will seek worldwide consensus on new strategies based on the interdependence of security and facilitation.

2. FACILITATION AND SECURITY OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND BORDER CONTROL FORMALITIES

2.1 **MRTDs.** The Division will consider proposed strategies for worldwide implementation of machine readable passports and for expansion of the implementation of machine readable visas and official travel documents in accordance with the specifications set forth in Doc 9303, *Machine Readable Travel Documents*, Parts 1, 2 and 3.

2.2 **Biometrics.** The Division will also seek international support for a global approach to deployment of biometric technologies for identity confirmation in the issuance and inspection of travel documents.

2.3 **Crew identity documentation.** The Division will consider proposals for new standardized approaches to the identification of crew members and to procedures for their clearance through aviation security and border controls.

2.4 **Advance passenger information (API).** The Division will consider the standards and procedures developed jointly by ICAO, IATA and the World Customs Organization (WCO) and seek support for a unified approach to the implementation of API systems.

2.5 **Implementation of aviation security.** With the aim of reducing congestion at departure control points and in the interests of improving security by streamlining traffic flows, the Division will consider proposals for new SARPs on the rationalization of aviation security processing of passengers and crews. The Division may also consider the facilitation issues related to unruly passengers.

3. **IMPLEMENTING MODERNIZED PROVISIONS FOR FACILITATION AND SECURITY IN AIR CARGO SERVICE OPERATIONS**

3.1 **Facilitation of cargo clearance.** The Division will consider the concepts and principles embodied in the revised Annex 9 SARPs and the Kyoto Convention of the WCO, and seek an effective implementation policy.

3.2 **Security.** The Division will consider the interdependence of security and facilitation functions in risk management and seek consensus on an effective approach to border controls with respect to air cargo in an environment of heightened security requirements.

4. **CONTROLLING TRAVEL DOCUMENT FRAUD AND ILLEGAL MIGRATION**

4.1 The Division will consider the proposals developed by the Facilitation Panel to update the relevant Annex 9 SARPs on inadmissible and undocumented persons and deportees, and seek international concurrence on policies to address these problems.

5. **MODERNIZING AIRPORT FACILITIES AND SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEMS**

5.1 **Revision of Annex 9, Chapter 6.** The Division will consider proposals for the comprehensive revision of Annex 9, Chapter 6 and make appropriate recommendations concerning the role of airport authorities in facilitating clearance and service operations, including but not limited to support of initiatives for the simplification of passenger travel.

5.2 **National, regional and airport FAL programmes.** The Division will consider proposals for revision of the Annex 9 SARPs and appendices concerning the organization and functions of these programmes.

6. **INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (IHRs)**

6.1 The Division will consider the work accomplished by the World Health Organization to revise the IHRs, particularly in the areas of controlling the spread of contagious diseases by air, public health emergencies of international concern, and performance of aircraft disinsection, and make appropriate recommendations for the updating of national and regional facilitation programmes.

6.2 The Division will consider other public health issues, including contingencies planning and emergency response, public health capacities for airports and aircraft operations and hygiene and sanitation in aviation.

7. **OTHER FACILITATION MATTERS**

7.1 **Assistance to accident victims.** The Division will also consider proposals for new SARPs addressing the need to facilitate the travel of accident victims and their families.

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