

## **FACILITATION PANEL (FALP)**

(Third Meeting, Montreal, 12 to 16 February 2001)

### **Agenda Item 4: Other matters**

#### **FRANCHISED/PRIVATIZED AIRPORTS**

(Presented by Argentina)

##### **SUMMARY**

This working paper presents for the consideration of the meeting the need to include the person of the administrator/operator of franchised/privatized airports in Annex 9, as well as to promote the active participation of Facilitation Committees in infrastructure projects for the purposes of establishing guidelines for the level of service.

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The generalized modalities prevailing throughout the world are leading to faster privatization/franchising of airports. The new franchisees/operators of those franchised/privatized airports bring in management and capital for implementation. These investments require planning and design to increase capacities and to facilitate adequate absorption of the present and future increases in demand. This new figure of the franchisee/operator has powers, responsibilities and obligations (arising from the respective franchising/privatization contracts) in the development of the terminals project. The management and new infrastructure have a direct impact on the facilitation procedures. The administrators/operators therefore have to be involved in the Facilitation Committees and it would be useful to define their jurisdiction, tasks and duties for the purposes of coordinating all the projects and procedures established in Annex 9 with the competent authorities having jurisdiction at the airport.

1.2 Passengers, crews, baggage, cargo and mail carried by air are dependent upon the aeronautical infrastructure available. For this reason, it would be useful to have a standardizing criterion for the static and dynamic capacities of each service (immigration, customs, etc.) in order to provide the adequate level of service in the spaces intended for passengers and to have a correct system of signs to facilitate passenger orientation at those airports where it is of interest for international traffic. In this way, one would harmonize not only the procedures of the formalities that must be applied to passengers, but also the minimum conditions of

habitability of those spaces and facilities where immigration, customs and security control procedures are applied.

1.3 The National Facilitation Committees have the knowledge, experience and capability with regard to all processes that take place at an airport. For this reason, the control authorities and franchisees/operators should see the value of the mutual expediency of being involved in advising on new projects and remodelling of the aeronautical infrastructure for the benefit of the whole aeronautical community.

## 2. ACTION BY THE PANEL

2.1 The Panel is invited to consider this working paper in order to propose:

- a) establishing the function of the administrators/operators of franchised/privatized airports for adequate management and application of the material resources and so that the facilitation procedures are applied in coordination and in agreement with the needs foreseen by the competent authority;
- b) undertaking a joint analysis of the timeliness and expediency of bringing the knowledge of the Committees to the private operators and authorities during the process of planning and designing the aeronautical infrastructure;
- c) establishing minimum requirements for the aeronautical infrastructure that make it possible to comply with the provisions and procedures adopted by common consent among countries for the purposes of uniformity of documentation, but also determining:
  - the optimum level of service in the spaces;
  - the uniform identification of areas intended for the facilitation process;
  - criteria for the calculation and design of those spaces;
  - information systems for passenger orientation;
  - facilities for passengers with disabilities; and
- d) establishing rounds of consultations among countries to agree upon an agenda of work on the subject of this working paper.

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