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**THE IMPORTANCE OF DATA UPLOAD FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ICAO AOC REGISTRY**

(Presented by International Air Transport Association)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The AOC registry was created by ICAO with the objective of facilitating access to information required by States to exercise oversight of foreign operators.

The registry will enable a more efficient way of performing ramp checks and harmonizing information format.

As the registry evolves, it will also have the potential to streamline the requirements for carriage of on-board documentation.

The AOC registry is now operational. However, to be effective, greater participation in the online register is required by States.

Action: The Assembly is invited to encourage States to participate in the online AOC register through the provision of required data to ICAO.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to the Safety, Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 It is of common knowledge that aviation is one of the most regulated commercial activities. The global nature of air transport compounds the fact and evidences the crucial need for harmonization. Effective regulation is vital to safety and regularity; however, airlines have increasingly

¹ Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish versions provided by IATA.

been experiencing a proliferation of new and diverse requirements that are at variance with ICAO Annex 6 — *Operation of Aircraft* provisions.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Aircraft Operators Certificate (AOC) Registry was developed by ICAO following support by A36 of a proposal that ICAO develop an online AOC Register that would provide transparency to Member States of the validity and currency of AOCs, and the compliance integrity of the State of the Operator.

2.2 The purpose of this registry is to make all AOC and relevant regulatory approvals to operators readily accessible to all States. As a result, approval processes as well as ramp inspections can be abbreviated through access to a wealth of information on air operators.

2.3 The registry will also facilitate harmonization of the way in which documents are presented, facilitating their understanding and speeding their verification.

2.4 As the registry matures and its robustness is proved, it will at a future stage have the potential to allow for streamlining requirements for on-board documentation carriage. Future work by ICAO and States might also consider that it be used as a tool for mutual recognition of operations specifications.

2.5 Many ICAO Member States have expressed their desire to make use of the ICAO AOC Registry. The registry is ready to operate, but its effectiveness depends on the ability and willingness of ICAO Member States to provide the information required. It is essential that this step be completed in order to achieve the immediate and potential future benefits offered by the registry.

2.6 IATA is committed to working with airlines and States to facilitate the provision of data required.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 The AOC Registry has immediate and potential benefits in terms of information access and harmonization of requirements, leading to greater efficiency. However, these benefits can only be realized if States provide the required data to make it functional.