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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 A

Development and implementation of facilitation provisions

Whereas the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* and its Optional Protocol, that had been adopted in December 2006 by the United Nations General Assembly, entered into force on 3 May 2008;

Whereas the development of specifications for machine readable travel documents by the Organization has proved effective in the development of systems that expedite the movement of international passengers and crew members through clearance control at airports while enhancing immigration compliance programmes;

Whereas the development of a set of standard signs to facilitate the efficient use of airport terminals by travellers and other users has proved effective and beneficial;

The Assembly:

1. *Urges* Member States to give special attention to increasing their efforts to implement Annex 9 Standards and Recommended Practices;
2. *Urges* Member States to give due regard to Doc 9984, *Manual on Access to Air Transport by Persons with Disabilities*, in their implementation of the relevant provisions of Annex 9;
3. *Requests* the Council to ensure that Annex 9 — *Facilitation*, is current and addresses the contemporary requirements of Member States with respect to administration of border controls, cargo and passengers; advances in technologies related to such administration; cargo facilitation; the handling of and responses to health-related and other disruptive events to aviation; and unaccompanied minors;
4. *Requests* the Council to ensure that relevant guidance material is current and responsive to the requirements of Member States;
5. *Requests* the Council to ensure that the provisions of Annex 9 — *Facilitation*, and Annex 17 — *Security*, are compatible with and complementary to each other; and
6. *Requests* the Council to update Doc 9636, *International Signs to Provide Guidance to Persons at Airports and Marine Terminals*, to ensure that it is current and responsive to the requirements of Member States.