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Dear Reader,


It is my great pleasure to present to you today the recently developed guide on "Standards for Standards". The need for such a guide has been recognized for a long time but as is often the case, we needed time and effort to pass from the stage of intention to reality.

This first version of the guide was developed over the past year during which all existing recommendations on drafting ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) was gathered, as well as advice and input from the ICAO Secretariat and Air Navigation Commissioners. It was then circulated among ANC Panels and Panel secretaries. This version is now released for your reference and use. A copy of the document has been made available on the All ANC Panels website of the ICAO Secure Portal (<https://portal.icao.int/ANCPanels/>) under 'Common Resources'. We hope it will assist Panel members and the Secretariat when drafting proposals for SARPs, the Air Navigation Commission when reviewing them and States to better understand them. It should then contribute to the harmonized implementation of ICAO provisions and help all contributors to the SARPs development process to focus on substance and expert input.

This guide will be a living document so as to take advantage of best practices in SARPs drafting, to react to challenges encountered during the SARPs development and implementation process, and simply to benefit from collective feedback.

I would like to thank all who have contributed to this first version of the Standards for Standards and especially Mr Kyung-soo Yu who chaired the working group in charge of the development of this guide.

I encourage you to use this guide extensively and provide feedback in order to support further improvements to this guidance.


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