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**AGENDA ITEM 5: AVIATION SECURITY AND
FACILITATION**

AIR TRANSPORT FACILITATION PROGRAM

(Presented by Philippines)

INFORMATION PAPER

SUMMARY

Collaborative engagements through best practices and guidelines on Air Transport Facilitation Program in accordance with the International Civil Aviation Organization Annex 9 – Facilitation.

Air Transport Facilitation Program

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview:

The National Air Transport Facilitation Program is a comprehensive framework designed to enhance efficiency, security, and passenger experience in air transport within the country. The program is aligned with the standards and recommended practices (SARPs) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 9- Facilitation.

1.2 Background:

The Philippine Government through the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines has started the drafting of the National Air Transport Facilitation Program (NATFP) in accordance with the ICAO Annex 9-Facilitation in 2018. The Authority started capacity building and research on how to develop, establish, implement, and comply with the requirements and standards of Annex 9. The Authority has drafted the NATFP in close coordination and collaboration with the concerned agencies/entities such as the Bureau of Customs, Bureau of Immigration, Bureau of Quarantine, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Agriculture attached agencies, Office for Transportation Security, Philippine National Police- Aviation Security Group, Airlines, Airport Authorities/Operators and other relevant agencies which are involved in the implementation of the program. Accordingly, series of coordination meetings with these agencies were conducted to develop the program. The Philippines NATFP is now in the final stage of drafting and is currently under review at the Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation prior to its approval.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) conference provides a platform for aviation authorities in the Asia-Pacific region to collaborate on policy frameworks, share best practices, and discuss challenges in the aviation sector. Through this, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines would like to encourage a collaborative engagement with the Asia Pacific countries with an established Facilitation program to discuss challenges in its implementation of inter-agency coordination, technology and infrastructure, capacity building, stakeholder engagement, and compliance with health and safety protocol, in which the Philippines and other countries from the Asia-Pacific can adopt best practices and ensure seamless implementation of Annex 9-Facilitation.

3. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

3.1 The Conference is invited to note the information contained in this Paper.

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