

WORLDWIDE AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF LIBERALIZATION

Bulletin No. 4 — Thursday, 27 March 2003

The Daily Bulletin will be issued early in the morning of each working day of the Conference. It will contain the programme of work for the day of issue, a brief review of the work completed on the preceding working day and other pertinent information. The bulletin is the principal means of communication with delegations on matters of general interest related to the Conference.

Programme for Thursday, 27 March 2003

1. Starting at 0930 hours, the Conference will continue the consideration of its Agenda with a view to completing work on Agenda Items 2.7, 3.1, 4.1 and draft report material in the sequence below:

Agenda items		Documentation	
		For action¹	For reference or information
Item 2.7:	Transparency	WP/16 (Secretariat) WP/57 (Pakistan) WP/99 (LACAC States) WP/46 (USA)	
Item 3.1:	Review of template air services agreement (TASA)	WP/17 & Add. (Secretariat) WP/57 (Pakistan)	WP/34 (IFALPA) WP/90 & Corr. (USA)
Item 4.1:	Mechanisms to facilitate further liberalization	WP/18 (Secretariat) WP/22 (Secretariat) WP/43 (Georgia) WP/57 (Pakistan) WP/32 (WTO)	WP/34 (IFALPA) WP/35 (ICC)
Draft reports - Introduction		WP/102	
- Agenda Items 1 & 1.1		WP/104	
- Agenda Item 1.2		WP/103	
- Agenda Item 2 and 2.1		WP/105	
- Agenda Item 2.2		WP/106	

Yesterday's meetings, 26 March 2003

2. **Conference - regular session**

2.1 Under Agenda Item 2 - Examination of key regulatory issues in liberalization, the Conference completed the consideration of sub-item 2.2 - Air Cargo, on the basis of WPs/10, 38, 49, 79, 83, 86, 94 and 100; Item 2.3 - Fair competition and safeguards, on the basis of WPs/11, 28, 40, 42, 47, 56, 70, 87 and 99, and Sustainability and participation, on the basis of WPs/12 and 82; Item 2.4 - Consumer interest, on the basis of WPs/13, 33, 41, 53, 57, 63, 95 and 99; Item 2.5 - Product distribution, on the basis of WPs/14, 57, 62, 77, 99 and 107; and Item 2.6 - Dispute resolution, on the basis of WPs/15, 29, 57 and 78.

Declaration of global principles

3. Pursuant to the procedural arrangements described in paragraph 3 of WP/19, a large number of comments were received on the draft Declaration of Global Principles for International Air Transport by the deadline of 17:00 hours on Wednesday, 26 March. These include proposals for substantive, structural and editorial amendment of the draft. The Secretariat is in the process of developing, in consultation with the Chairman of the Conference and the President of the Council, a revised version of the Declaration, which will be issued under cover of WP/24 in the morning of Friday, 28 March.

Registration

4. Delegates, Alternates, Advisers and Observers who have not already registered are requested to do so, in person, as soon as possible. The registration desk is located on the ground floor.

5. The *List of Delegates No. 1* contains meeting participants registered as of 1700 hours, Wednesday, 26 March 2003. Please check the accuracy and completeness of that list and notify the Registration Desk for any corrections, before 1600 hours today.

Credentials

6. Delegates are reminded that their credentials must be deposited without delay at the Registration Desk.

Members of the public

7. Members of the public without credentials are requested to register at the Registration Desk on the ground floor and will be required to show proper identification (photo ID) in order to obtain a special pass. They may follow the proceedings from the Public Gallery of the Assembly Hall where seats are reserved for their use (or in overflow accommodation, if necessary), unless the meeting has been declared "closed". Where appropriate, a notice to the effect that a meeting has been closed will be placed in a prominent position on the door(s) of the meeting room.

Document distribution

8. Document distribution for accredited Delegates and Observers will be from the satellite located on the 4th floor. Document distribution for members of the public who registered for the seminar prior to the Conference will be from the satellite located on the ground floor. The Document Distribution Satellite is used exclusively for the distribution of Conference documentation issued by ICAO. Due to space restrictions, documentation and other personal belongings of participants cannot be accepted for safekeeping or short-term storage.

Submission of working papers or information papers

9. Delegations wishing to present working papers for consideration by the meeting are requested to submit them (including electronic versions if available) to a member of the Conference Secretariat staff (so identified by their yellow lapel badge) as early as possible, bearing in mind the time necessary for preparation, translation, reproduction and distribution. If copies are available in more than one of the official languages of the meeting, they should be presented in each of the languages available. Working papers from observers and information papers will be produced and distributed in the official ICAO language in which they are submitted.

Seating arrangements

10. Due to the computerized microphone system in ICAO conference rooms, it is **very important** that delegates do not change seats designated to them. If a change needs to be made (i.e. alternate or additional members attending/seat change), or for further information on seating arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the technician in the room or a member of the meeting secretariat. *Documentation and other personal belongings must not be left in the conference room overnight.*

Social functions

11. As a convenience to delegations, so that they may know the dates on which functions have been planned by various hosts, the Secretary General publishes the following list. It comprises only those functions which have been notified to his Office, and for which in each case the host will extend individual invitations. This schedule is subject to change:

Thursday, 27 March 2003
Friday, 28 March 2003

Reception by the Delegation of South Africa
Reception by the Delegation of Ukraine

12. Delegations wishing to reserve dates for social functions or to make changes to the above list are requested to contact Mrs. M.-R. Derez, Office of the Secretary General (ext. 8042).

Exhibition and Secretariat information booth

13. Beginning on Monday, 24 March and continuing until Saturday, 29 March, ICAO is hosting an exhibition on the 4th floor outside the Assembly Hall. The objective of the exhibition is to provide a forum for networking and discussions with a wider group of parties outside the more structured Conference environment. Participants in the exhibition will include representatives from industry, service providers and international organizations.

14. Also beginning on Monday, there will be an ICAO Secretariat Information Booth outside the Assembly Hall. This Booth is a unique opportunity for all Delegates to become better acquainted with the work being carried out by the Secretariat on behalf of the Organization's Contracting States. It is also a timely opportunity to meet Secretariat staff members to whom you can address your questions on different aspects of the Air Transport Programme of ICAO, as well as other aviation-related subjects. Check this bulletin daily to see which topics will be featured.

Presentation on the International Financial Facility for Aviation Safety (IFFAS)

15. Delegates and other participants are invited to view a video presentation on the ICAO International Financial Facility for Aviation Safety (IFFAS) which will be screened close to the ICAO booth in the exhibition area outside the Assembly Hall. The presentation, which is approximately 5 minutes duration, will run continuously during lunch and coffee breaks.

Assembly Hall

16. Delegates are asked to note that the Assembly Hall and other parts of the ICAO Headquarters building, are a smoke-free environment. Furthermore, no food or drink is permitted in the Assembly Hall, and Delegates are requested to turn off all cellular phones before entering the Hall.

Security

17. For security reasons, delegates' luggage cannot be kept on the ICAO premises. Delegates checking out of hotels on the last day of the Conference should make arrangements with their hotels for temporary storage of their luggage after check out.

Preparatory Seminar: Aviation in Transition: Challenges & Opportunities of Liberalization (Montreal 22 and 23 March 2003)

18. Delegates and other participants interested in the documentation issued and presentations delivered during the abovementioned Seminar prior to the Conference (ATConf/5) now have the opportunity to access the material electronically via the ICAO Conference web site [<http://www.icao.int/icao/en/atb/atconf5/index.html>] click on: **Preparatory Seminar**].

Miscellaneous

19. **Coffee service** will be available in the foyer of the Assembly Hall during the recesses. The timings for the morning and afternoon recesses will be announced during meetings. The cafeteria on the fifth floor of the office tower is open from 0730 to 1530 hours, Monday to Friday, with breakfast served (including Saturday) from 0730 to 1100 hours and lunch served (on weekdays) from 1130 to 1400 hours.

20. **Computer facilities.** Ten computer workstations will be available on the 4th floor beside the Document Distribution Satellite with Internet browsers for participants who wish to access the Internet and use Web based e-mail services.

21. **Long distance phone calls.** Long distance calling cards may be purchased at the Registration Desk between 0900 and 1000 hours each day of the Conference or at the entrance of the train station located on the corner of University and La Gauchetière Streets, as well as in the Bell Tower located immediately across the street from the ICAO Headquarters. Delegates are invited to make use of these calling cards when requesting the ICAO operator for assistance. Please note that all phones in the general access areas can only effect local calls and therefore, long distance cards are necessary to use these phones for other calls.

22. **The ICAO Commissariat,** located on the ground floor, will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1230 to 1400 hours and 1700 to 1900 hours for the convenience of participants entitled to purchase spirits and cigarettes at diplomatic prices.

23. **The ICAO Staff Association Boutique,** located on the ground floor where participants can buy souvenirs, will be open from 24 to 28 March between 12:00 and 14:00 hours.

24. **Monitoring system.** Unless otherwise decided, the proceedings of all Conference meetings will be transmitted over the telecommunications system within the Headquarters building. The following dial codes are to be used to monitor the proceedings of the various elements of the meeting:

Room	Floor	English	French	Spanish	Russian	Chinese	Arabic
Assembly Hall	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

25. **Daily weather** maps and the public weather forecast for Montreal provided by Environment Canada are displayed daily by 1300 hours near the elevators on the third floor of the conference centre.

26. **Access to the Office Tower** is restricted to those members of delegations with blue and white badges invited by National Delegations or Secretariat. Delegates are requested to register with the Security Desk at the ground floor which will verify whether the office to visit is open and issue the delegate a temporary access badge.

27. **Photography**

27.1 The ICAO photographer will be available during the Conference to take photographs of delegations and/or individuals at individual or delegation expense. The photographer will be in the Assembly Hall on Monday, 24 March and Wednesday 26 March to take pictures at Delegates' seats prior to the start of the Conference sessions. Additional times for photographs will be announced in the daily bulletin.

27.2 Photographs will be displayed as they are developed, starting Wednesday, 26 March, on Level 1, opposite the Staff Association Boutique. There, at predetermined times commencing Monday, 24 March, the photographer will be available to take orders for photographs. Prices and ordering times will be posted with the photographs on display.

Early departure of participants

28. Members of Delegations and Observers who plan to depart before the end of the meeting are requested to notify the Document Distribution Satellite on the 4th floor.

34th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly

29. In order to facilitate the registration process for delegates who will be attending the 34th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly, delegates may register on the first floor of the Conference Centre commencing Friday, 28 March, from 1000 - 1700 hours, as well as on Saturday and Sunday, 29 and 30 March from 1000 to 1700 hours before the commencement of the Assembly on Monday, 31 March 2003.

30. Additionally, delegates who have attended the Air Transport Conference are kindly requested to drop off their security passes in the boxes which will be marked for return passes as they exit the Conference Centre on the last day of the Conference.

31. Please note that the Air Transport Conference passes will not be valid for access back to the building after Saturday, 29 March.

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1. "For Action" papers are listed in order of presentation.