



FACILITATION PANEL (FALP)

FOURTEENTH MEETING

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Agenda Item 6 : Other Facilitation matters

MEASURES TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN CHILDREN

(Presented by Thailand)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During the ICAO Facilitation Conference 2025 (FALC 2025), held from 14 to 17 April 2025, ICAO encouraged Member States to promote and raise awareness of the Doha Declaration with particular consideration given to its seven pillars.

1.2 Thailand has taken actions in alignment with the pillars regarding Facilitating the Passenger Journey and Protecting Rights Prioritize in term of combating trafficking in persons. In 2024, Thailand established the regulation on facilitation for unaccompanied minors travelling by air transport in line with Annex 9 — *Facilitation* to the Chicago Convention. The objectives of the regulations are to establish measures to combat human trafficking in children as well as ensure their travel welfare.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 To establish measures to combat human trafficking in children as well as ensure their travel welfare, Thailand establishes the regulation on facilitation for unaccompanied minors travelling by air transport was established on 5th March 2024 and has come into effect on 27th March 2024.

2.2 The regulation is applicable to children between the age of 5 to 12 years old of age fully complete travelling alone or travelling in company of another child of such age. Aircraft operators have been allocated responsibilities for unaccompanied minor programme establishment as well as its programme implementation.

2.3 Aircraft operators are required to provide appropriate care and supervision for unaccompanied minor throughout their journey until arrival. Therefore, the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) monitors compliance with these regulations through its quality control processes.

2.4 For the purposes of promoting the operation related to unaccompanied minor, Thailand proceeds the following actions:

(a) To ensure consistent and effective compliance with regulations, CAAT requires aircraft operators to establish unaccompanied minor programme in accordance with the format prescribed by the CAAT.

(b) Furthermore, to monitor compliance with these regulations, CAAT has consistently carried out quality control activities.

(c) In case of issues arising from airline practice deviates from the programme format, CAAT provides a consultant for or make a discussion with such aircraft operators in order to assist them in complying with the regulation.

2.5 In implementing the regulations, Thailand has encountered challenges as follows:

(a) Due to discrepancies in the minimum age requirements for unaccompanied minors across different countries, so in terms of international or transit/transfer flight passengers may experience travel barriers.

(b) Similar issues to the first one, discrepancies in the minimum age requirements for accompanying person across different countries result in difficulties in travelling.

2.6 Thailand seeks recommendations or guidelines to eliminate the aforementioned travel barriers.

2.7 The Facilitation Panel is invited to note the information contained in this information paper.

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