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**PAKISTAN'S WORK ON FACILITATION**

(Presented by Pakistan)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) has been undertaking measures to reaffirm its commitment on facilitation in line with emphasis placed by the International Civil Aviation community. This paper outlines some efforts by PCAA to continue to implement International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) at the national level in light of Annex 9 — *Facilitation*.

*Strategic Objectives:*

This working paper relates to Strategic Objective *Security & Facilitation*

*Financial implications:*

*References:*

Annex 9 — *Facilitation*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In the recent times, importance has been placed on ICAO SARPs relating to facilitation. Following the drive of the International Civil Aviation community, Pakistan has been undertaking measures to support the resolve for advancement and implementation of ICAO SARPs relating to facilitation.

1.2 PCAA has implemented major steps in light of the guidelines spelled out in the SARPs contained in Annex 9.

1.3 As a first step, Pakistan has developed National Air Transport Facilitation Program (NATFP) in light of Standard 8.18, 8.19 of Chapter 8 of Annex 9. Under the aegis of the said program, the National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (NATFC) in line with Standard 8.20 has been constituted comprising of members from all relevant authorities and stakeholders (Appendix A). Inaugural meeting of the NATFC has been convened on 12 March 2021, and the Committee continues to work in pursuance of the guidelines spelled out in Annex 9.

1.4 To support the resolve of the international civil aviation community for issuance of reliable Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs) as referenced in Standard 3.9 of Annex 9 and ICAO Doc 9303, *Machine Readable Travel Documents* relevant authorities in Pakistan have launched our first e-passport / eMRTD in the month of March 2022, and is fully compliant with relevant ICAO Standards. In the year 2019, during the Universal Security Audit Programme — Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP–CMA) audit of Islamabad International Airport, our MRTD/Passport has also been found fully compliant with ICAO Standards and no observations were raised by the Auditing Team. The USAP–CMA audit revealed that Pakistan Sustainability Indicator was 76.5 per cent in 2019 and a follow-up audit conducted in 2021 improved the Sustainability Indicator as 81.26 per cent against 8 Critical Elements of Aviation Oversight System in Pakistan.

1.5 Pakistan is also committed to its contribution towards the Public Key Directory (PKD) Programme. Upon request from relevant authorities in Pakistan, i.e. Directorate General Immigration and Passports, PCAA has established a liaison between said entity and relevant ICAO Programme Officer (PKD) and has also requested enrolment in the ICAO PKD Programme. PCAA is discharging its role as the facilitator between ICAO and relevant authorities in Pakistan and is fully committed to demonstrate support to relevant Standards and guidelines in this area.

1.6 Pakistan is also committed towards supporting ICAO Travellers Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy and intends on actively participating in relevant forums, as and when required, and when necessary progress has been made on the enrolment in the PKD Programme and national progress is made on other associated key elements. Through the guidance provided by and efforts undertaken by ICAO, Pakistan will continue to support such initiatives envisioned by the international aviation community.

## 2. CONCLUSION

2.1 The Assembly is invited to take note of this information paper.

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## APPENDIX A

### COMPOSITION OF NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT FACILITATION COMMITTEE — PAKISTAN

**Chairman:**

Director General Pakistan CAA

**Members:**

- Member Customs, Central Board of Revenue
- Joint Secretary (Aviation), Aviation Division
- Joint Secretary (Security), Ministry of Interior
- Director General (Health)
- Additional Director General (Immigration), FIA
- Director General, Pakistan Meteorological Department
- Advisor and Director, Plant Protection Department
- Director General, Immigration and Passports
- Director Security, Pakistan CAA
- Director AT & ER, Pakistan CAA
- Director APS, Pakistan CAA
- Heads of All Airlines (Domestic and International)
- Heads of All Cargo Handlers
- Director General, Airports Security Force
- Director General, Anti Narcotics Force

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