



WORKING PAPER

ASSEMBLY — 36TH SESSION

ECONOMIC COMMISSION

Agenda Item 39: Facilitation

**IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION A35-19:
PREVENTING THE INTRODUCTION OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES**

(Presented by the Council of ICAO)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This working paper is a report by the Council on the implementation of Resolution A35-19, *Preventing the introduction of invasive alien species*. Following the 35th Session of the Assembly, States were invited to send ICAO their “best practices” on the prevention of invasive alien species introductions by air. Responses remain to be analyzed. Work on the subject was done on a time-available basis, during the last triennium. Due to other priorities, the Organization has been unable to allocate the resources necessary to further the work on this matter. The Draft Budget for the 2008-2010 triennium makes no allowance for continuing the work on invasive alien species.

Action: The Assembly is invited to review and adopt the amended Assembly Resolution in the Appendix.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper does not relate to any Strategic Objective.
<i>Financial implications:</i>	No resources have been allocated in the Draft Budget for 2008-2010 for further work in this area.
<i>References:</i>	Doc 9847, A35-EC, <i>Report of the Economic Commission</i> Doc 9848, <i>Assembly Resolutions in Force (as of 8 October 2004)</i>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At its 35th Session, the Assembly adopted Resolution A35-19, *Preventing the introduction of invasive alien species* which, *inter alia*, requested the ICAO Council to develop guidance material and, if appropriate, Standards and Recommended Practices, to assist States to reduce the risk of introducing potentially invasive species to areas outside their natural range and to continue working with the appropriate organizations in this regard.

1.2 In this context, the Assembly agreed that Contracting States should be requested to forward to ICAO the “best practices” from their various agencies (agriculture, horticulture, customs, quarantine, health) on the prevention of invasive alien species introductions by air.

2. RESPONSE BY STATES AND FUTURE WORK

2.1 Consequently, State letter EC 6/21-05/11 dated 21 January 2005 invited Contracting States to forward to the Organization their “best practices” on invasive alien species prevention.

2.2 The following thirty-five States responded: Austria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Canada, Chile, China (including a response from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China), Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom, United States and Vanuatu.

2.3 These responses remain to be analyzed. Due to other priorities, the Organization has been unable to allocate the resources necessary to further the work on this matter. The Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) has offered to perform this task, and prepare draft guidance material based on the “best practices” information received from States. At the time of writing of this paper, GISP was in the process of raising funds for this work.

2.4 The Business Plan and Draft Budget for 2008-2010 triennium make no allowance for ICAO continuing the work on invasive alien species.

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APPENDIX

**DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY THE
36TH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY**

Resolution 39/1: Preventing the introduction of invasive alien species

Whereas the global community has increasingly recognized the threat to biological diversity posed by invasive alien species;

Whereas international transportation, including civil air transportation, represents a potential pathway for the introduction of invasive alien species; and

Whereas the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) and other intergovernmental and non-governmental international organizations are currently working on means to effectively assess and manage alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats and native species;

The Assembly:

1. *Urges* all Contracting States to support one another's efforts to reduce the risk of introducing, through civil air transportation, potentially invasive alien species to areas outside their natural range;
2. *Requests* the ICAO Council to continue working with the appropriate organizations in this regard; and
3. *Declares* that this resolution supersedes Resolution A35-19.

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