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Agenda Item 4: Report of the Working Group on Guidance Material

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF WORKING TO IMPROVE
INFORMATION SHARING ON PASSENGER DATA REQUIREMENTS

(Presented by Australia)

1.   **INTRODUCTION**

1.1   Arising from FALP/8 (WP/11), the Panel agreed to the formation of a working group to progress a proposal to improve information sharing on passenger data requirements in the form of a database or similar mechanism. Australia is the Rapporteur of the Working Group, with other Working Group members from the United Kingdom, Canada, Portugal, the United States, IATA and the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC).

1.2   The Terms of Reference set by the Panel tasked the Working Group to investigate and develop a proposal for the consideration of the Panel for the development of a database (or similar system) to support increased information sharing on passenger data systems. Among other matters, the Working Group has been specifically tasked to investigate:

- the information needs of States and industry, and the resulting data elements for the database;

- how the database will function, both practically and technically;

- how States will file/lodge information with the database;

- how the database will be accessed by States and industry;

- options for ensuring the database remains up to date; and

- the respective roles of stakeholders in relation to the database, including ICAO, WCO and IATA.

2.   DISCUSSION

2.1   Initial considerations of the information needs of States has commenced, with the Rapporteur recently circulating an initial proposal containing data elements of the database for discussion and comment by fellow Working Group members. Noting the main purpose of the database is to share information about passenger data systems, the Rapporteur proposes to focus initial Working Group discussions on the type of information to be shared and the usefulness of that information to Governments and industry. Once the proposed content of the database has been finalized, the Working Group will investigate how the database will work, management of the database, costing (including personnel resourcing) and ongoing maintenance.

2.2   The Working Group invites all interested Panel members, observer States and organizations that wish to be involved in the development of this proposal to contact the Rapporteur. The Working Group will continue to work closely with the Secretariat and update the Panel accordingly.

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