

FACILITATION PANEL (FALP)

(Third Meeting, Montreal, 12 to 16 February 2001)

Agenda Item 3: General revision of Annex 9 – Chapters 2 and 3

PASSENGER IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION, VISAS AND DOCUMENTATION OF CREW MEMBERS

(Presented by Argentina)

SUMMARY

Presentation of compliance with the concept of one person per passport as a progressive strategy to enhance both facilitation and general security.

REFERENCES

FALP/2 Meeting
Annex 9, paragraph 3.5.9

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Second Meeting of the Facilitation Panel held in Montreal supported the need to establish the concept of “one person per passport” as a progressive strategy to enhance both facilitation and general security. They also acknowledged the need for children to be issued separate passports as a measure to curb child abduction and other abuses, as established in Annex 9, Chapter 3, paragraph 3.5.9.

2. NEW PASSPORT

2.1 In view of the existence of a generalized trend in the international community to simplify the immigration formalities for the increasing volume of international travellers and at the same time to optimize control of persons and their correct registration by States, which requires States to join together in the search to resolve practices, it is essential to agree upon and standardize criteria, mechanisms and techniques.

2.2 In addressing these problems, an attempt was made at the global level to answer an ever present question which exasperates every authority responsible for passenger control: the faithful correspondence between the holder of the passport and the person who presents it.

2.3 Consequently, the inclusion of data on minor children or spouses added to the passport of the holder does not correspond to the principle of machine reading but rather it is a means to facilitate fraudulent work, allowing the addition of photographs and data using the original passport medium.

2.4 It is for this reason and for compliance with what was stated in paragraph 1.1 of this working paper, that the Argentine Republic went ahead with restructuring passenger identity documentation, as shown in detail in the Attachment hereto (**in Spanish only**).

3. **ACTION BY THE PANEL**

3.1 The Panel is invited to note the action taken by Argentina in order to comply with paragraph 3.5.9 of Annex 9 and to facilitate the machine reading of passenger identity documentation.
