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FACILITATION PANEL (FALP)

EIGHTH MEETING

Montréal, 24-28 November 2014

Agenda Item 2: Amendments to Annex 9

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ANNEX 9: ASSISTANCE TO
AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

At the 38th Session of the ICAO Assembly, Spain, in collaboration with Argentina, Cape Verde, Finland, France, Italy, Mexico and Portugal, presented A38-WP/301 and Corrigendum No. 1, *Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and Their Families*. The Assembly supported the recommendation that the ICAO Council be invited to consider introducing a provision related to assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families in an Annex other than Annex 13. The Council, in turn, agreed that the matter be taken up by the Secretariat, in coordination with the FAL Panel.

Action by the FAL Panel:

The FAL Panel is invited to consider the proposals to amend Annex 9, as set out in the Appendix.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At the 38th Session of the Assembly (24 September to 4 October 2013), Spain, in collaboration with Argentina, Cape Verde, Finland, France, Italy, Mexico and Portugal, presented A38-WP/301 and Corrigendum No. 1, *Assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families* (that can be found on the ICAO public website at http://www.icao.int/Meetings/a38/Pages/WP_Num.aspx). The working paper, in tracing the history of ICAO's work on the matter since the 32nd Session of the Assembly, held in 1998, welcomed the Organization's new policy document on assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families, published as Doc 9998.

1.2 A38-WP/301 concluded by proposing that a new provision be incorporated into Annex 9 recommending that States establish legislation, regulations and/or policies to support aviation accident victims and their families.

1.3 The Assembly supported the recommendation that the ICAO Council be invited to consider introducing a provision related to assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families in an Annex other than Annex 13, so as to ensure the independence of accident investigations. The Council, in turn, agreed that the matter be taken up by the Secretariat, in coordination with the FAL Panel.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The FAL Panel is thus invited to consider, with reference to A38-WP/301, the proposals to amend Annex 9 as set out in the Appendix.

APPENDIX

Amend Annex 9 as follows:

8.45 **Recommended Practice.**— *States should establish legislation, regulations and/or policies in support of aircraft accident victims and their families.*

Note.—*Attention is drawn to Doc 9998, ICAO Policy on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families and Doc 9973, Manual on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families.*

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