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# **INFORMATION PAPER**

# FACILITATION PANEL (FALP)

## SIXTH MEETING

#### Montréal, 10-14 May 2010

#### Agenda Item 6: Amendments to Annex 9

## EMERGENCY SITUATIONS RESULTING FROM FORCE MAJEURE

(Presented by the Secretary)

### 1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Attached for information is the following document that complements FALP/6-WP/13, "Emergency situations resulting from force majeure: Proposals to amend Annex 9 – *Facilitation*":

Electronic Bulletin 2010/18, dated 21 April 2010, "Application of the provisions of Annex 9 – *Facilitation* for the facilitation of passengers affected by the eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano in Iceland."

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## ATTACHMENT



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# **ELECTRONIC BULLETIN**

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EB 2010/18

21 April 2010

## APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ANNEX 9 — *FACILITATION* FOR THE FACILITATION OF PASSSENGERS AFFECTED BY THE ERUPTION OF THE EYJAFJALLAJÖKULL VOLCANO, ICELAND

In reference to the severe disruptions caused to international air transport operations as a result of the recent eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano in Iceland, your attention is drawn to Recommended Practice 3.52 and Standard 3.60 of Annex 9 - Facilitation, to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

These provisions provide guidance to, and set out the obligations of, Contracting States in respect of temporary entry into their territories for passengers who do not possess entry visas. Contracting States are thereby urged to provide assistance, as required, particularly to transit passengers whose flights have been disrupted by the current crises, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Annex 9.

The applicable provisions of Annex 9 are reproduced in the Attachment, for information and ease of reference.

**Enclosure:** 

Extracts from Annex 9

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#### ATTACHMENT to EB 2010/18

#### **EXTRACTS FROM ANNEX 9 (12TH EDITION, 2005)**

#### CHAPTER 3. ENTRY AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS AND THEIR BAGGAGE

3.52 **Recommended Practice.**— In exceptional circumstances, when a visitor, for reasons of force majeure, does not possess the required entry visa prior to arrival, Contracting States should authorize temporary entry.

3.60 Contracting States shall establish measures whereby in-transit passengers who are unexpectedly delayed overnight due to a flight cancellation or delay may be allowed to leave the airport for the purpose of taking accommodations.

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