



## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON MACHINE READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (TAG-MRTD)**

### **SEVENTEENTH MEETING**

**Montréal, 20 to 22 March 2007**

**Agenda Item : 1 Development of Specifications for MRTDs**

**Agenda Item .2.2: Report of the New Technologies Working Group**

### **REPORT ON PUBLICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENT TO PART 1 OF ICAO DOC 9303**

Presented by the New Technologies Working Group (NTWG)

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This document describes the work ongoing within NTWG supported by WG3 to publish a Supplement to Part 1 of ICAO 9303 on a recurring, as required, timely basis. The current state of the work is described.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 The publication of a Supplement to the Sixth Edition of Part 1 of ICAO Doc 9303 is intended to serve several purposes. First and foremost, the purpose of the Supplement is periodic and regular issuance of travel document guidance, advice, update, clarification and amplification. The Supplement also serves as a “bridge” between the formal drafting of Standards and Technical Reports and the needs of the travel document community to have timely and official direction on which to rely. The Supplement does not *replace* in any way the Technical Report process or the development of Doc 9303. What the Supplement *does* accomplish is provide a systematic and continuing forum in which views can be captured and shared, issues raised and addressed, learnings can be communicated, clarifications and characterizations of standards matters can be memorialized and the myriad of matters that need to be codified and distributed on a time-urgency basis that cannot wait for a TR or 9303. The role of the Supplement is as a *maintenance* vehicle for Doc 9303. Much of the contents of the Supplement shall eventually be incorporated into a Technical Report or 9303 or both and, in that manner, can serve to shape and form such ICAO documents.

2.2 Revisions to the Supplement to Part 1 are prepared in draft form by Taskforce 1 (TF1) of WG3 for final review and approval by the NTWG.

2.3 Five (5) releases of the Supplement to Part 1 of ICAO Doc 9303 have been published to date:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Public Release was Version 2004-1 (Published December 19, 2004);
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Release was Version 2005-4 V3 (Published June 12, 2005);
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Release (Release 3) was published on February 28, 2006 as an accompaniment to Sixth Edition of Part 1 of ICAO Doc 9303;
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Public Release (Release 4) was published on July 10, 2006;
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Public Release (Release 5) was published on February 7, 2007, and is available in the ICAO MRTD web site (<http://mrt.d.icao.int>).

### 3. **ACTION BY THE TAG/MRTD**

3.2 The TAG/MRTD is invited to:

- a) note the publication of the Sixth Release of the Supplement to Part 1 of ICAO Doc 9303;
- b) ensure Issuing and Receiving States take into consideration all items cited in the Sixth Release; and
- c) endorse the continuing publication of the Supplement on a priority and timely basis.

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