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DRAFT REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 2.5

Agenda Item 2: Specific issues related to airport economics and management
2.5: Financing and cost recovery of security measures

2.5.1 Documentation

Secretariat (WP/11) reviewed the current relevant text of Doc 9082 with respect to the cost recovery aspects of security measures at airports, updated based on the outcome of the *High-Level Ministerial Conference on Aviation Security* held in 2002, and discussed the need for harmonization in the implementation of the policies among States and regions. As no new developments have taken place that would warrant a revision or an update of the current policies on security charges, except for large-scale screening of air cargo, the paper recommended that ICAO should monitor the developments in this field in order to assess if and when the current policies on cost allocation and cost recovery will need to be updated.

UNWTO (WP/22) agreed that any charges or transfers of security costs should be directly related to providing the security services concerned and should be designed to recover no more than the relevant costs involved. Civil aviation, or tourism, should not be charged for any costs that would be incurred by the more general security functions performed by States.

IATA (WP/48) agreed to the findings made by the ICAO Secretariat (WP/11), pointing out the issues related to States' inherent responsibility for funding of measures which aim to protect society at large, cost-sharing between public and private entities, and transparency and cost-relatedness in security charges. The paper proposed amendment of paragraph 29 of Doc 9082 by adding a few principles that may facilitate better implementation of the cost recovery of security measures at airports; and the establishment of a working group comprised of government and industry, aimed at developing the principles and basis for national aviation security spending supervisory bodies.

Mali (WP/42 – information paper), presented information on its current practices and experiences related to cost recovery of security measures and expressed support for conclusions proposed in ICAO Secretariat WP/11.

2.5.2 Discussion

2.5.2.1 The Conference felt no need for the monitoring of the developments in the field of large-scale screening of air cargo by ICAO at this stage. The proposal in WP/48 to establish an independent supervisory body to monitor the allocation of the costs of security measures at airports between public and private entities was not supported.

2.5.3 Recommendation

2.5.3.1 From the documentation under Agenda Item 2.5, the Conference adopted the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION 9 – COST RECOVERY OF SECURITY MEASURES AT AIRPORTS

THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT:

recognizing that the current ICAO policies for the cost recovery of security measures at airports are still adequate, States should ensure their implementation in order to foster harmonization worldwide.

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