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**Agenda Item 5: Facilitation (FAL)  
5.1 Report on Machine Readable Travel Documents Project**

**POLICY COOPERATION ON THE MACHINE READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (MRTD)**

(Presented by Dominican Republic as Coordinator)

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
The following Working Paper presents the results of the Implementation of Annex 9 SARPs - about MRTD Project	
<b>References:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Report of the First Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/1), (Asunción, Paraguay, May 25 to 27, 2011).</li> <li>• Conclusion of the Second Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/2), (Antigua &amp; Barbuda, May 14 to 18, 2012).</li> </ul>	
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>	<i>This working paper is related to ICAO Strategic Objective B.</i>

**1. Background**

1.1 In the framework of the First Meeting of the ICAO/LACAC NAM/CAR/SAM Aviation Security and Facilitation Regional Group (AVSEC/FAL/RG/1) held in Asuncion, Paraguay, from 25 to 27, May 2011, it was agreed that activities that LACAC was performing within of its Strategic Plan under the Macro task FAL/AVSEC, were distributed among the different States of the region to herein after they could perform this tasks as Coordinators States, assuming Dominican Republic as Coordinator State of the Harmonization and Unification task FAL and AVSEC Decisions of LACAC and of the Policy of Cooperation of Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTD).

1.2 This task was called: Implementing the Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 9, in relation to Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTD).

1.3 In the Second Meeting (Antigua and Barbuda, 14 to 18 May 2012), Dominican Republic presented Working Paper 11 (AVSEC/FAL/RG/2-NE/11), corresponding to the progress of the Machine Readable Travel Documents Identification/Biometric Identification Project. Due to the few responses received from States NAM/CAR/SAM, Dominican Republic, as Project Coordinator requested to extend the deadline for States to complete the questionnaire and to analyze the responses received.

1.4 Subsequently, the Secretariat requested participants to consider this important questionnaire and was approved at the meeting an extension period. To facilitate the process, the Secretariat published on the website of the Meeting, the Questionnaire and communications emitted to States, issued by the NACC and SAM Regional Offices for the NAM/CAR/SAM States, in January 2012.

## **2. Activities**

2.1 Was extended and modified the questionnaire that was used by LACAC for measuring the degree of regional level implementation of Machine Readable Passports (MRTD).

2.2 There were added some Facilitation topics to the questionnaire: National Air Transport Facilitation Programme (NATFP), the National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (NATFC) Airport Facilitation Committee (AFC), Public Key Directory (PKD) of ICAO, Advance Passenger Information System (APIS), and United Nations/Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (UN/EDIFACT), and for the Transmission of Passenger Manifest (PAXLST).

2.3 The Secretariat of Regional Group AVSEC/FAL, at the request of the Coordinator State Dominican Republic, was in charge of distributing the questionnaire among Member States AVSEC/FAL/RG, so that these will answer and forward to the Secretariat of the Group.

2.4 Currently, only five (5) countries have responded to the new questionnaire. The answers from these countries were used to update the original questionnaire used by the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC).

## **3. Conclusion**

- a) This working Paper is submitted for Assembly consideration;
  - b) Those States that have not yet answered the new questionnaire, are called to do so, in order to have the maximum amount of updated data from the Working Paper presented;
  - c) Attached in **Appendix** is the result of the new questionnaire.
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