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Agenda Item 3.3: Annex 9, FAL Panel, Facilitation Manual

FAL BEST PRACTICES

(Presented by Chile)

SUMMARY	
<p>Taking into account that each State adopts all possible measures to facilitate and accelerate aircraft navigations and avoid all unnecessary delays to passengers, cargo, crew, and aircraft, this working paper proposes the creation of a database of States’ best practices in facilitation through the development of methodology that enables the identification of these best practices at the regional level.</p>	
References:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 9, Facilitation • The ICAO Facilitation Manual (Doc 9957) 	
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	<p><i>This working paper is related to the ICAO Strategic Objective B and to the LACAC Macro Task FAL/AVSEC.</i></p>

1. Introduction

1.1. Facilitation comprises a series of problems and activities that States address according to the application of the Standards and Recommended Practices, or SARPs, in Annex 9 of the Chicago Convention on facilitation.

1.2. Article 22 of the aforementioned Convention considers it each State’s obligation to “*adopt all practicable measures, through the issuance of special regulations or otherwise, to facilitate and expedite navigation by aircraft between the territories of contracting States, and to prevent unnecessary delays to*

aircraft, crews, passengers and cargo, especially in the administration of the laws relating to immigration, quarantine, customs and clearance.”

1.3. In addition, the ICAO Facilitation Manual (Doc 9957), grants support to states to carry out objectives such as: *“increase the level of knowledge of facilitation issues and concepts; improve the results of facilitation programmes in States; and increase conformance with Annex 9.”*

2. FAL Best Practices

2.1. Taking into account the Chicago Convention, Annex 9, and the Facilitation Manual, each State adopts their own measures for facilitation, some of which may be considered successful examples for other States. As these best practices may translate into better solutions, procedures, or other measures, it is highly relevant to compile and share them.

2.2. This working paper proposes the creation of a Work Programme titled “FAL Best Practices” whose project will establish a database of the best practices in facilitation implemented by States.

2.3. The aim of this project is to compile and promote the implementation of the best practices in facilitation among States.

2.4. In light of the aforementioned, this working paper proposes two phases:

- Elaboration of methodology and creation of the database
- Publication and maintenance of the database

2.5. In the first phase, the preparation of methodology includes: a) definition of the areas of information to be compiled by each of the best practices, and b) mechanisms of regular database maintenance.

2.6. The creation of a database includes: a) consulting States in order to identify their best practices or those of other States based on the methodology created; b) reviewing the compiled information and the creation of the database; c) a draft resolution that approves the proposed methodology. The first phase culminates with the presentation of the work results to AVSEC/FAL/RG.

2.7. In the second phase the database is sent to ICAO/LACAC for publication and maintenance of further updates.

3. Expected results

3.1. That States have access to timely information regarding best practices in the region, which will facilitate the continuous sharing of experiences.

3.2. A contribution to the coordination between States, particularly to the resolution of common problems that may exist in facilitation.

3.3. The provision of orientation and tools for each State’s FAL Programs.

4. Suggested action

- 4.1. The Meeting is invited to analyze this working paper, evaluating the potential development of the program and the proposed project, and suggest pertinent measures.
- 4.2. The States present are invited to manifest their intention to participate by sending best practices.

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