



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

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The Facilitation Panel (FALP)

24 February 2014

FAL PANEL: OVERVIEW



1. History of the FALP
2. Current membership & TORs
3. Work accomplished
4. Amendment 24 to Annex 9
5. Future work plans

1. HISTORY OF THE FAL PANEL



- FAL Division 1 – 11: Amendments to Annex 9
- Divisions to 1979: 4-6 years gap; thereafter: 7-9 years
- FAL/11 (1995): time lapse not conducive to keep up with technical & other developments
- Recommendation on FALP
 - examine policy issues & develop recommendations for FAL Division or ATC/Council
- 1995: ATC establishes FAL Panel

2. MEMBERSHIP & TORs



- 30 Members of FAL Panel
- 3 NACC, 3 SAM, 7 APAC, 9 EUR/NAT, 3 WACAF, 2 ESAF
- **MID Region**: Egypt, Saudi Arabia, UAE
- States as Observers
- IATA, ACI: Permanent Observers

2. MEMBERSHIP & TORs



Terms of Reference of the FAL Panel:

- ▶ make recommendations on SARPs
- ▶ contribute to guidance material
- ▶ develop proposals for FAL Division meetings
- ▶ perform other tasks assigned by ATC

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3. WORK ACCOMPLISHED



FALP/1 (17-21 Nov 1997)

- Adoption of **Amendment 17**

- ▶ Chapter 3 [e.g. Def. of “accepted for examination”; Liaison officers; Seizure of travel documents; inadmissible persons] [“Improperly documented persons”]

- ▶ Guidance on PWDs (Cir 309)

FALP/2 (11-15 Jan 1999) & FALP/3 (12-16 Feb 2001)

- Adoption of **Amendment 18**

- ▶ FALP/2: ~~Family passports~~; “one passport, one person” or “one person per passport”

- ▶ FALP/3: Cargo; Disinsection; Travel documents SARPs updated; ~~Chapter 5~~: transit SARPs moved to Chapter 3.

3. WORK ACCOMPLISHED



FALP/4 (2-5 April 2002)

- ▶ Preparation for FAL/12
- ▶ Drafting group: inadmissible persons & deportees (new Chapter 5)

[**FAL/12: 22 March-1 April 2004, Cairo** (Adoption of **Amendment 19**):

- ▶ Security of travel documents
- ▶ Standard 3.10; Biometrics; API; PNR; CMCs
- ▶ Chapter 5
- ▶ National & Airport FAL Programmes]

3. WORK ACCOMPLISHED



FALP/5 (31 March-4 April 2008)

- Adoption of **Amendment 21**
 - ▶ New SARPs on API & CMCs (Ch. 3)
 - ▶ Radioactive Material (Ch. 4)
 - ▶ New Chapter 6

FALP/6 (10-14 May 2010)

- Adoption of **Amendment 22**
 - ▶ API (Ch. 3)
 - ▶ Revision of health SARPs (H1N1)
 - ▶ Emergency assistance: *force majeure* (Icelandic volcano eruption)

4. AMENDMENT 24



FALP/7 (22- 26 October 2012)

- Nov 2013: Council Adopted **Amendment 24**
 - ▶ API & PNR* (Ch. 3)
 - ▶ Inadmissible persons & Deportees (Ch. 5) *
 - ▶ PWDs SARPs + Guidelines (Ch. 8) *

 - ▶ Unruly passengers: RPs→Standards (Ch. 6)
 - Passenger awareness: unruly behaviour
 - Personnel: training on unruly pax situations

4. AMENDMENT 24



Amendment 24

▶ Travel documents (Ch. 3)

→ Controls over entire TD issuance process

→ All passports shall be machine-readable

▶ Inspection of travel documents (Ch. 3)

→ (3.46 moved): seizure of fraudulent, etc. TDs.

→ Airlines not to be required to seize documents

→ Airlines not to be required to carry passenger to intended final destination (in above cases)

4. AMENDMENT 24



State Letter EC 6/3-13/84, 17 December 2013:

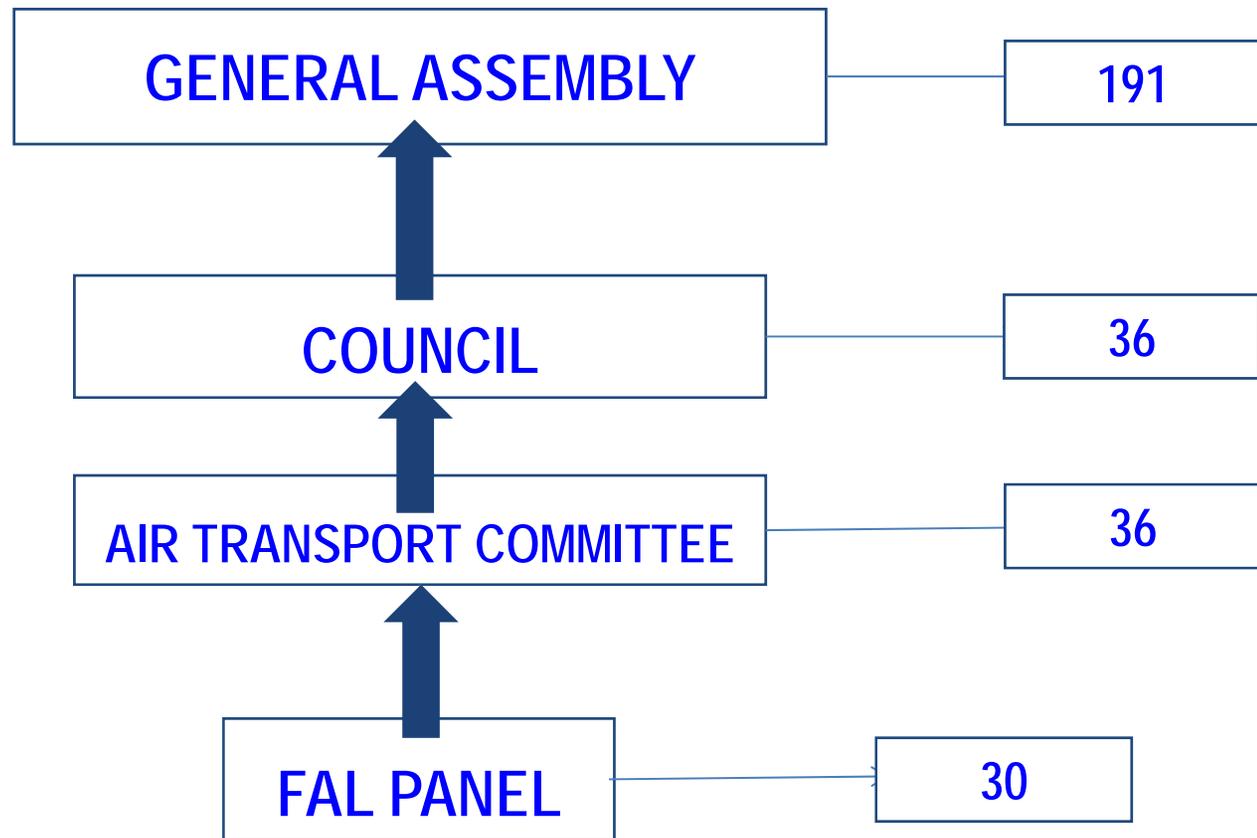
- ▶ 29 March 2014 (deadline: disapprovals)
- ▶ 29 March 2014 (effective date)
- ▶ 29 June 2014 (deadline: differences/compliance)
- ▶ 29 July 2014 (applicable date)

5. FUTURE WORK PLANS



- ❑ FALP/8 (24-28 Nov 2015): proposals for Amendment 25
 - Aircraft accident victims
 - Automated border controls (ABCs)
 - Unaccompanied minors
 - Cargo facilitation
 - Other proposals & a general streamlining of SARPs
- ❑ Adoption of Amendment 25 will be tabled during the 205th Session (mid-2015)

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QUESTIONS?