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FACILITATION PANEL (FALP)

SEVENTH MEETING

Montréal, 22-26 October 2012

Agenda Item 5: Amendments to Annex 9

PROPOSAL TO AMEND STANDARD 3.10 OF ANNEX 9

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

Following a recommendation made by the Twelfth Session of the Facilitation Division (Cairo, 2004), the Council adopted, in 2005, a Standard requiring Contracting States to “begin issuing only Machine Readable Passports in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303, Part 1, no later than 1 April 2010.” As the deadline prescribed in the Standard has expired, the Secretariat recommends that the provision be amended accordingly.

Action by the FAL Panel:

The FAL Panel is invited to consider the proposal described in this paper and agree that Annex 9 be amended, as set out in the Appendix.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 In 2004, the Twelfth Session of the Facilitation Division (FAL/12), held in Cairo, from 22 March to 1 April 2004, recommended that a new Standard be added to Annex 9 requiring States to start issuing only Machine Readable Passports (MRPs) no later than 1 April 2010, in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303, Part 1. Consequently, a new Standard 3.10 was adopted by the Council in March 2005.

1.2 The deadline of 1 April 2010 prescribed in the Standard has expired. The Secretariat recommends that the provision be amended to reflect this fact. Therefore, the reference in Standard 3.10 to “1 April 2010” should be deleted and the text re-worded accordingly.

APPENDIX

Amend Annex 9 as follows:

**CHAPTER 3. ENTRY AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS
AND THEIR BAGGAGE**

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3.10 Contracting States shall ~~begin issuing~~ **issue** only Machine Readable Passports, in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303, Part 1, ~~no later than 1 April 2010.~~

Note.—This provision does not intend to preclude the issuance of non-machine readable passports or temporary travel documents of limited validity in cases of emergency.

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