



WORKING PAPER

MULTIDISCIPLINARY MEETING REGARDING GLOBAL TRACKING

Montréal, 12 to 13 May 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(Presented by the ICAO Secretariat)

1. AGENDA

The agenda for the Multidisciplinary Meeting regarding Global Tracking 2014 is reproduced in Appendix A. The report of the meeting will document the conclusions and recommendations relative to each agenda item.

2. MEETING DOCUMENTATION

The meeting will be conducted in English only with no interpretation facilities and translation services. Working papers, as well as other information regarding the meeting, will be posted on the ICAO website at <http://www.icao.int/Meetings/GTM/Pages/default.aspx>.

3. ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

The timeline for the Global Tracking Meeting agenda items appears in Appendix B. It should be noted that the timeline may, if the need arises, be adjusted at any time during the meeting.

4. WORKING HOURS

The working hours are 0900 to 1300 hours and 1400 to 1700 hours with short tea/coffee breaks. Tea/coffee breaks and lunches will be provided by ICAO. The opening session on Monday, 12 May will begin at 0900 hours in Conference Room 3 on the first floor of the ICAO Conference centre.

**APPENDIX A
AGENDA OF THE MEETING**

1. EXPLORE THE NEED AND MEANS AVAILABLE TO TRACK GLOBALLY ALL AIRLINE FLIGHTS

Recent events, where there has been uncertainty on the whereabouts of an airliner, have identified the need to review if a means to globally track airline flights should be a common practice for air operators. The meeting will address the extent that such tracking systems should be independent of other aircraft systems and/or systems used for ATC surveillance. Meeting participants will explore the use of existing technologies that may provide the means to support globally track airline flights at a reasonable cost.

2. EXPLORE THE NEED FOR ICAO GUIDANCE ON GLOBAL TRACKING

Promote global tracking of airline flights based on industry best practices and existing technologies. The meeting should identify elements that may be missing and need to be addressed. These may include sharing of best practices, ICAO guidance and training material, and it should not be limited only to technical issues. All subjects may be discussed to ensure that, to the extent possible, all impediments which would hinder globally tracking of airline flights can be addressed.

3. EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL FOR STRENGTHENING ICAO PROVISIONS

Explore the ways to cover gaps in the current provisions based on new technologies and practices. There may be areas of the world where global tracking of airline flights may be either impossible, or unsustainable. The meeting should study the underlying issues and, based on the current developments in technology, determine a realistic plan on how to address these. The study may include a review of the need for improved International Standards in this regard.

APPENDIX B

TIMETABLE FOR THE MEETING

Session	12 May (Monday)	13 May (Tuesday)
Morning	1	3
Afternoon	2	Any leftover issues and closing

- 1: Explore the need and means available to track globally all airline flights
- 2: Explore the need for ICAO guidance on global tracking
- 3: Explore the potential for strengthening ICAO provisions

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