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PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM

ANNEX 16 - EXCERPT FROM LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

International Air Transport Association
Head Office-Central Station Building
Montreal 3, Canada
April 2nd, 1947
Ref. : L-7

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Dear Mr. Owen :

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2. All the Member airlines of IATA have been urged to implement the PICAQ "Recommendations for Standards, Practices and Procedures - Facilitation of International Air Transport." It has been made clear that these PICAQ Recommendations represent maximum requirements for border formalities and that, of course, no retrograde steps should be taken by governments which already have regulations less burdensome than the PICAQ proposals. Several nations have procedures which are less stringent than those prescribed in the Standards, and it is the aim of IATA, through its Members, to persuade other Governments to reduce their border formalities and requirements at least to the level represented by the PICAQ Standards, in the hope that once that measure of uniformity has been attained, it will be possible to go further forward in raising the general level of border facilitation in the interests of the travelling public and of the efficiency of international air transportation.

Yours sincerely,
(signed)

William P. Hildred
Director General

