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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### WHAT IS THE RFB SURVEY ?

The Remittance of Foreign Balances (RFB) Survey outlines the total amount of worldwide delayed or blocked funds reported by the Airline Industry. The RFB Survey is based on the data collected from the IATA Member Airlines.

### HOW IS THE RFB SURVEY USED ?

The RFB Survey is one of the primary tools used by the IATA Currency Coordination Working Group (ICWG), to identify new blocked funds or currency repatriation problems. It also allows the ICWG to track improvements or deteriorations in existing problem countries. This identification and monitoring process then enables IATA and its Airline Members to undertake activity on an industry-wide basis to address the problems that exist.

Airlines' Treasury and Finance departments also use the RFB Survey as a risk management tool. Furthermore, it can assist in making decisions on whether to start operations to new countries or stop operations in current countries where remittance problems exist.

### WHAT IS THE AIRLINES' CONTRIBUTION TO THE RFB SURVEY ?

The validity of the RFB Survey and the resulting industry actions are reliant on the input of the Airlines. Therefore, IATA would once again like to extend its thanks to all of the Airlines that contributed.

IATA would also like to encourage those Airlines that do not systematically participate to respond to future Surveys to allow IATA to produce a document that gives a truly accurate picture of the industry's situation worldwide.

As IATA does not have an office in the majority of the problem countries, the work of IATA Currency Coordination is very dependant on the assistance of the Airlines operating to these countries where they can obtain accurate and valuable information through their local representatives. Therefore, IATA stresses the importance of the Airlines' collaboration to improve the outcome of the industry's lobbying efforts.

### HOW TO OBTAIN THE RFB SURVEY?

The Survey is free of charge for all Airlines that submitted input. For the other Airlines, as well as for certain selected IATA partners, the Survey costs USD 150. The Survey is only provided in soft copy.

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