Executive summary
IATA continuously fulfills its mission to lead, support and promote best industry standards in the aviation security. Aviation security may and should become a major enabler in industry recovery. Additionally, IATA promotes recognition and implementation of agile, risk-based solutions and new technologies. As such IATA partners with its member airlines and a range of stakeholders to enhance the overall industry security resilience and attempts to reduce vulnerabilities same time simplifying security procedures through application of modern processes and technologies.

The objective of this initiative is to create operational added-value proposition in hold baggage operations by enabling risk-and performance-based outcomes through augmenting current security standards and practices.

This will be achieved by reaching following goals:

- Establishing the "trusted network" of airports/airlines/authorities which could benefit in operational savings from best standards in hold baggage screening being used;
- Creating opportunities to re-engineer existing handling procedures to facilitate handling of transfer and unaccompanied hold baggage globally;
- Developing global benchmarking methodology for HBS hardware and software;
- Creating global and industry recognized performance criteria for security providers of HBS, at both corporate (managerial) and individual ( screener) level;
- Developing core elements of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) in security services;
- Reinforcing use of IATA baggage messaging standards

Outcomes of this initiative will also support and strengthen IATA traditional advocacy mission through:

- Influencing and amending ICAO Annex 17;
- Supporting ICAO and States in developing relevant guidance material;
- Contributing to ICAO Working Groups;

Additional benefits of this initiative will include:

- Development of tools and methodologies allowing performance measurement of screeners and entities they work;
- Update of relevant IATA publications

This initiative is focused on major transfer hubs (handling 85% of global transfer traffic) where the gain from high quality and technology advancements in security can be most prominent and where risk-based outcome-focused worldwide standards encouraging best quality and advanced technological solutions can be promoted to the highest extend.