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 initiative is focused on major transfer hubs (handling 85% of global transfer traffic) coupled with their feeder airports. This is 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. Both, hubs and their feeder airports play a role in unlocking opportunities leading to the successful delivery of aspirational objectives.

The aspirational objective of the initiative 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 and IATA One Source.

Outcomes of this initiative will also support and strengthen IATA traditional advocacy mission through various ICAO channels and gain additional benefits including development allowing performance measurement and relevant IATA publication updates.

Goals for 2021

After continuous efforts working with vast amount stakeholders around the world representing airlines, airports, authorities, IATA Strategic Partners (security equipment manufacturers, security service providers and research organizations) as well as associations, all 2020 deliverables were met enabling the following milestones to be fulfilled for 2021:

- Gaining volunteers for trial implementation and commence the development of the “trusted network”;
- Developing and testing commonly recognized industry image interpretation and assessment tool;
- Gaining the industry and authorities buy-in for trials and development of the “trusted network” using existing tools like IATA One Source and Baggage Messaging protocols.