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## Developing anti-trafficking capacity: the airlines' perspective

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# Aviation in support of the Global Compact

Aviation is the business of freedom

We represent +285 carriers

3.78 billion passengers

52.7 million tons of cargo

Aviation creates value and supports jobs for 63 million people.

Aviation plays a unique role in connecting business to markets, uniting family and friends, bringing people together to solve problems, build understanding and develop global insights



# IATA Approach

- IATA AGM Resolution
- #EyesOpenCampaign
- Guidance and training for airline customer facing staff
- Engagement with governments and law enforcement
- Partnership



# Our Commitment– 2018 AGM Resolution



## **RESOLUTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

RECOGNIZING that trafficking in persons is a grave crime and a form of modern day slavery involving the recruitment, transportation and harboring of a person and the exercise of control, direction or influence over their movement for the purpose of exploitation;

EXPRESSING CONCERN that transnational criminal groups and individuals are exploiting the interconnected air transport system to facilitate trafficking in persons;

ACKNOWLEDGING that, while the responsibility to detect, apprehend and prosecute offenders rests with government authorities, airlines can play a role in combatting trafficking in persons by raising the awareness of staff and training on how to report concerns to the appropriate authorities;

EMPHASIZING that all stakeholders in the air transport system should work collaboratively with government authorities and civil society to prevent and suppress trafficking in persons;

The 74<sup>th</sup> IATA Annual General Meeting:

1. denounces trafficking in persons;
2. encourages member airlines to train relevant operational staff with the objective of enabling them to recognize potential trafficking situations and deal with these in accordance with company policy and, where appropriate, report these to government authorities;
3. calls on government authorities to establish clear, practical and discreet mechanisms for the reporting of potential trafficking in persons activity in the air transport system;
4. calls on airport operators, ground handling agents and other air transport system stakeholders to work collaboratively with government authorities and civil society on initiatives for the prevention and suppression of trafficking in persons, including with respect to reporting and awareness-raising programs.



# Awareness Raising

- Video
- Infographics
- Posters/leaflets
- Media
- Social media
- Events



We have our  
**#eyesopen**

WATCHING FOR THE SIGNS OF  
**24.9 million**  
victims of

**Human trafficking**  
FORCED LABOR - ORGAN THEFT - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Aviation is the "business of freedom". Unfortunately, air services can also be misused by criminals who profit from the trade in humans. Our industry is committed to have its eyes open to do what we can to help governments and law enforcement to tackle this issue.

**Playing our part**

- 💡 Raise Awareness
- 🛫 Develop Airline Guidance
- 📄 Encourage Reporting
- 📞 Hotline Development
- 🤝 Create Partnerships
- 👤 Training for Airline Staff
- 🏭 Mobilize the Industry

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# Practical Tools – Airlines Guidance

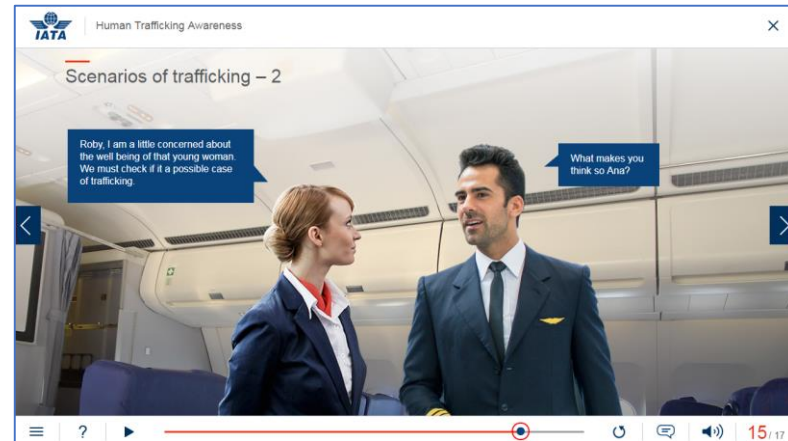
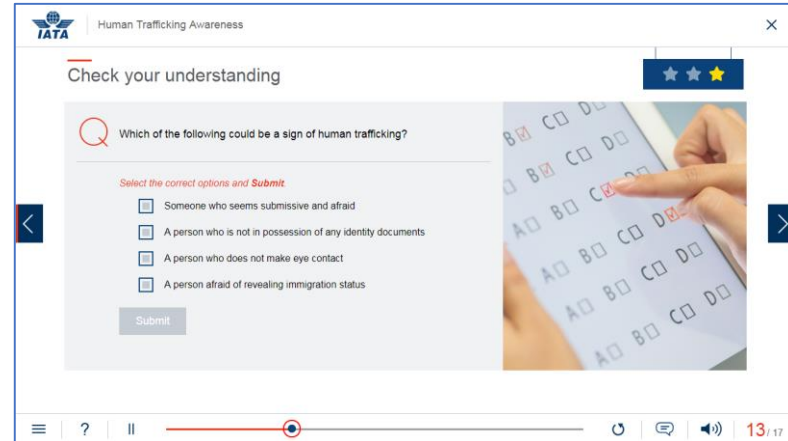
- Establishing and communicating policy
- Airline Procedures
- Identifying human trafficking
- Communication protocols





# Practical Tools - Training

- E-learning
  - Basic (free)
  - Enhanced with ability to issue certificates (chargeable)
- Instructor-led classroom





# Working Together to Deliver Results

- Consult with airlines – are they already involved in anti-trafficking initiatives or planning them?
- Consult with law enforcement and other stakeholders who would handle “tip offs”
  - Do reporting protocols already exist? Are they tested?
  - Are they prepared to accept intelligence tip offs?
- Create partnership with other organizations such as IOM, ICAO, ACI, ATAG, UNODC, etc.





# Understanding Reporting Protocols

- IATA engaged >90 governments and law enforcement agencies
- Of 50 responses only two States had a clear protocol for airlines
- How do we report suspected cases in the air? To whom?
- IATA will provide airlines with a list of known protocols / contact numbers worldwide



# Summary

- IATA is committed to working with States and other stakeholders to help fight human trafficking at the industry level
- The IATA initiative is a tool that we are putting in the hands of our members, authorities and other stakeholders
- Capacity development and partnership are essential for delivering results
- We need a comprehensive approach linking policy to procedures and addressing the risks



Thank you!

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