Since TRANSSC 34, the 26th meeting of the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel was held in Montreal from 16 to 25 October 2017. The meeting agreed to amendments to the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air, incorporating changes from the 20th revised edition of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods as well as amendments required specifically for air transport. Following no objection from TRANSSC at TRANSSC 34, guidance material developed at the ad hoc WNTI/ICAO working group on pressure differential held in April 2017 will be recommended for incorporation in the 2019-2020 edition of the Supplement to the Technical Instructions. Additionally, the DGP has completed an extensive review of the training provisions and has recommended the incorporation of competency based training provisions for all involved in the transport of dangerous goods. Subject to approval by the Air Navigation Commission and the Council in the first quarter of 2018, all of the amendments will be incorporated in the 2019-2020 Edition of the Technical Instructions and will be published in the third quarter of 2018 for operational use from 1 January 2019. The complete report of DGP/26 can be found at:


At TRANSSC 34, ICAO had sought clarification on issues pertaining to freight containers and the transport of materials under exclusive use. ICAO wishes to thank the IAEA and specifically the Correspondence Working Group on Freight Containers and its chairman Mr Makoto, for their work on freight containers. The clarification provided by the Working Group will be circulated by correspondence to the DGP for its consideration. The response of the DGP will be provided to TRANSSC 36 in June 2018.