

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE
DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION - EUR/NAT REGIONS
TELECONFERENCE MEETING (EUR/NAT-DGCA/2020-8)**

(Paris, France, 7 December 2020)

1. Introduction

1.1 The teleconference meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation of the ICAO European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Regions (EUR/NAT-DGCA/2020-8) was held on 7 December 2020.

1.2 The main objectives of the meeting were:

- a) To provide updates on the Phase II of the CART HLCD and the 2nd Edition of TOGD;
- b) Update on the EUR/NAT States' Status of the CART Implementation;
- c) Present the *ICAO Manual on Testing and Cross-border Risk Management*;
- d) Consider the challenges of Vaccine Distribution; and
- e) Brief on the Action Plan for 2021 to support States' financial sustainability of the CAAs in their oversight capacity.

1.3 74 participants from 37 States and 7 International and Regional Organizations took part in the teleconference. The list of participants is provided in **Appendix A**.

1.4 The Meeting was chaired by the ICAO EUR/NAT DGCA Chairman, Mr. Luis Ribeiro (DG CAA of Portugal) who opened the meeting by welcoming all participants and outlining the main objectives of the meeting.

1.5 In her opening remarks, the ICAO Secretary General, Dr Fang Liu, while recalling the Phase II Take-off Guidelines that was developed by the ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Task force (CART), noted that the ultimate speed and effectiveness of our sector's recovery was highly dependent on the measures we pursued being compatible with safety and security requirements, proportionate to the improvement of public health, flexible where possible to encourage economic recovery and safeguarded not to distort markets. She also emphasised that the speed of recovery relied strongly on governments aligning their CART-driven responses to COVID-19, and on the effectiveness of intra-regional coordination at the DGCA level.

1.6 Ms. Silvia Gehrler, Regional Director of the ICAO Europe and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Regional Office, provided information on the EUR/NAT Office accomplishments in 2020 and plans for the next year. She also noted that this Meeting was held on a very special day to be celebrated - The International Civil Aviation Day.

Update from EUROCONTROL

1.7 Mr. Eamonn Brenan, Director General of Eurocontrol, presented the Meeting with updated estimates on the COVID-19 crisis impact on European aviation and traffic projections. He also informed about the financial and technical assistance activities of Eurocontrol to assist States to cope with the crisis impact and support the system recovery.

Update from EASA

1.8 Mr. Luc Tytgat, Director of Strategy and Safety Management of EASA, provided the latest updates on EASA's response to COVID-19 impact on aviation, which inter alia included:

- a) the launch of the digital Passenger Locator Form (ePLF) project to harmonise at EU level the data for contact-tracing and to support the management of outbreaks,
- b) harmonised travel rules across Europe through EASA and ECDC working on guidelines for COVID-19 testing and quarantine of air travelers, and
- c) updating of the EASA/ECDC Aviation Health Safety Protocol and other EASA publications to reflect latest developments and to reduce the burden on Industry and foster the Protocol implementation on the ground and in the air.

2. Agenda item 1*Updates on the Phase II of the CART HLCD and the 2nd Edition of TOGD and EUR/NAT States' Status of the CART Implementation*

2.1 The Meeting was presented with an overview of the recent changes introduced in the CART Guidance document and consequential updates of the CRRIC. It was noted that States should provide updates in the CRRIC on the status of their implementation of the CART recommendations by 8 January 2021.

2.2 To that end, the Meeting was presented with information on the implementation levels for EUR/NAT States of the CART recommendations as of 4 December 2020. It was noted that of the 56 States to which ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office was accredited, 55 have a CRRIC Focal Point and 1 (Russian Federation) has not yet nominated their Focal Point.

3. Agenda item 2*ICAO Manual on Testing and Cross-border Risk Management*

3.1 Dr. Ansa Jordaan, Chief Aviation Medicine at ICAO, provided a presentation on the recently published ICAO *Manual on Testing and Cross-border Risk Management Measures* (Doc 10152). She emphasised that the main principles of the Manual were the risk and evidence based approach to support States in implementing a multi-layer risk management strategy. The Manual recognized the sovereignty and authority of States over their national recovery taking into account national frameworks and public health capacities. It was a living document with regular updates and its publication in all ICAO languages was soon expected.

4. Agenda item 3*Vaccine Distribution*

4.1 The Meeting was provided with a joint ICAO EUR/NAT and IATA presentation that drew attention to the challenges associated with the transportation of COVID-19 vaccines by air and associated responsibilities of States in multi-disciplinary areas, such as dangerous goods, aircraft operations, facilitation and security.

4.2 The Meeting noted that timely and reliable delivery of vaccines around the globe would be key to tackling the pandemic effectively and to achieve that, effective coordination and cooperation throughout the supply chain was critical to include all entities from vaccine production at various locations to the end user. The Meeting also noted that IATA had recently published *Guidance for Vaccine and Pharmaceutical Logistics and Distribution*.

5. Agenda item 4*ICAO EUR/NAT Action Plan to support States' Sustainable Funding of CAAs*

5.1 The Meeting was provided with the ICAO EUR/NAT action plan setting out the actions, timelines and responsibilities for implementation of the previous EUR/NAT DGCA decisions with regard to the issue of sustainable funding of civil aviation authorities. It was noted that the implementation of this plan would take place during 2021 starting with dissemination of a survey by 31 January 2021.

6. Any other business*Update on B737 by FAA*

6.1 The Meeting was also informed about the latest regulatory actions by the United States FAA un-grounding the future operations of B737 MAX aircraft.

Conclusions and next meeting

6.2 The Meeting was closed by the Chairman and ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Director, who thanked participants for their active contributions.

6.3 The date of the next EUR/NAT DGCA teleconference will be coordinated as soon as possible, tentatively planned for the end of January 2021.

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**LIST OF APPENDICES****Appendix A— List of Participants**

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