

ICAO-ICC JOINT STATEMENT

International civil aviation operations require the coordinated actions of multiple stakeholders. As a result, any efforts to restart international aviation and ensure its sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic requires the cooperation of relevant public and private parties.

With this in mind, the Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), Dr. Fang Liu, and the Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Mr. John Denton, have agreed to work closely to ensure exchange of information and views between the international civil aviation and business communities. The two leaders acknowledged the centrality of international aviation in global economic and social development, its status as a vital enabler of travel, tourism and trade and its crucial importance in the movement of essential medical equipment and humanitarian aid. Businesses across these diverse domains rely on international aviation and consequently cooperation between the UN specialised agency for international civil aviation and the institutional representative of the global business community should be enhanced especially to share information and perspectives to identify priorities and align measures where appropriate, so as to support efforts to drive a more resilient economic recovery.

It is incumbent on businesses to identify the highest priority activities in terms of civil aviation restart in order to effect maximum impact as international mobility is gradually re-established. ICC will communicate with its community to identify opportunities and work with governments and international organizations on their implementation. In these efforts, it will also make use of its international presence to support work on more comprehensive measures that will ensure that no country is left behind in the global recovery.

Businesses must also develop and implement solutions that can allow for re-establishment of international mobility in a manner that is conformant with international guidelines. ICC will communicate with its relevant business members in order to ensure full awareness of ICAO's important international standards, guidelines, specifications and recommendations and appropriate action towards harmonized and coordinated global recovery.

In these unusual times, public private cooperation is needed most to address the immediate challenges and explore ways to solve long-term issues.

Calls to action:

- ICC strongly endorses the recommendations and guidance of the Phase III of ICAO's Council Aviation Recovery Taskforce (CART) and its associated "Take-off" guidance document. Political action should be coordinated with the private actors of the air transport sector and will work with its community to promote their effective implementation.
- ICC and ICAO encourage the implementation of a national risk management approach to international air transport operations and the implementation of multi-layered risk mitigation measures that could include testing and vaccination (as per WHO and CART III guidance).
- ICAO and ICC will collaborate in providing to Member States guidance material showing the best practices used in developing a multi-layered risk mitigation approach, including COVID-19 testing, with the objective to harmonise practices across the world.
- ICAO, leveraging ICC's support, will also coordinate efforts with public and private stakeholders to continue to ensure the safe and expedient transport of vaccines across borders.
- ICAO and ICC will work together to encourage governments to adopt trade facilitation measures for time-sensitive cold chain distribution and to implement streamlined customs procedures to facilitate the entry of transport crews.

- ICC and ICAO will promote the adoption of interoperable and secure tools and systems for the efficient health screening of travellers in order to facilitate air transport by reducing barriers and increasing compliance with public health measures implemented by States in the context of international travel.
- ICC will encourage national chambers of commerce to work closely with ICAO regional offices where they exist.
- ICC and ICAO will work together to help rebuild consumer confidence in travel, restore cross-border business and ultimately revive the global economy.

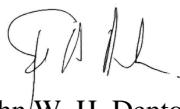
A closer cooperation between ICAO and ICC will be critical to restore global mobility and make the civil aviation sector more resilient to future shocks. We look forward to working together to help rebuild consumer confidence in travel, restore cross-border business and ultimately revive the global economy.

As the situation created by the pandemic evolves, ICC Secretary General John W.H Denton AO and ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu will continue to coordinate their efforts.

Essential information on the international air travel response to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found on ICAO's dedicated site, <https://www.icao.int/covid/Pages/default.aspx>.



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