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**The Fourth Meeting of the Aerodromes Operations and Planning Sub-Group (AOP/SG/4)**

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**Agenda Item 8: Any other business**

**ICAO INITIATIVES FOR AERODROMES RESTART**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents the ICAO initiatives to facilitate States to cope with the various challenges of restarting aerodrome operations after a partial or full closure of aerodromes, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Aerodromes are a unique ecosystem in the aviation industry, where interaction takes place among passengers, with staff and with other authorities in a common space. With the rapid spread of COVID -19 pandemic, aerodromes were forced to shut down or operate with reduced capacity.

1.2 It is important that States and aerodrome operators be adequately prepared to deal with various challenges during the restart of aerodromes after a partial or full closure, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 Resuming aerodrome operations after a partial or full aerodrome closure involves extensive preparatory checks to ensure safety and efficiency. To this end, States were provided with a sample checklist to facilitate a quick recovery for aerodromes by checking key elements in areas such as aerodrome infrastructure, aerodrome Operations, certification and compliance, coordination and collaboration, and human resource, competency and training. Further details are available on ICAO COVID-19 OPS AGA webpage at: <https://www.icao.int/safety/COVID-19OPS/Pages/aga.aspx>

**Implementation Package (iPack)**

2.2 ICAO is providing support to Member States to cope with the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, through Implementation Packages (iPack). An iPack is a bundle of standardized guidance material, training, tools and expert support, which aim to facilitate and guide the implementation of ICAO provisions for State entities (e.g. Governments, Civil Aviation Authorities, National Air Transport Facilitation Committees...), aviation service providers, supply chain stakeholders and their personnel.

2.3 An iPack on Aerodromes Restart has been developed to facilitate and guide Civil Aviation Authorities and/or aerodrome operators in applying Annex 14, Volume I and other relevant ICAO provisions, to ensure safety, regularity and efficiency of aerodrome operations after a partial or full aerodrome closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2.4 After having successfully implemented this iPack, CAAs and/or aerodrome operators will be better equipped to:

- (a) review the conditions of aerodrome infrastructure, and initiate actions, as necessary;
- (b) review the procedures relating to aerodrome operations and initiate actions, as necessary;
- (c) review the status of aerodrome certification and compliance and initiate actions, as necessary;
- (d) review the coordination and collaboration processes required at an aerodrome and initiate actions, as necessary; and
- (e) review aerodrome related human resources, competency and training requirements and initiate actions, as necessary;

to ensure a safe and seamless restart of aerodromes.

2.5 To support the achievement of the above objectives, the Aerodromes Restart iPack includes relevant documentation, tools and an online course. A dedicated expert will work remotely with the CAA and/or aerodrome operator, providing guidance in their implementation efforts to achieve the objectives of the iPack.

### **3. TRAINING**

3.1 To further support States in their restart activities, an *Aerodrome Restart* online course has been developed, through ICAO's Global Aviation Training Section. This course, of a 5 hour duration, aims to provide Civil Aviation Authorities and aerodrome operators with the knowledge and skills required in applying Annex 14, Volume I and other relevant ICAO provisions, to ensure safety, regularity and efficiency during gradual resumption of aerodrome operations after a full or partial aerodrome closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3.2 In addition to being integrated in the iPack referenced in para 2.2, this course can be procured independently through ICAO's training website. This website also provides descriptions of over 200 courses available in virtual, online and classroom formats, including newly developed courses related to COVID-19, and can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.icao.int/training/Pages/Training-Catalogue.aspx>

### **4. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

4.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this paper.

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