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**Subject:** Convening of the Third COVID-19 Information Sharing  
Teleconference Session with APAC CAA Director Generals –  
8 December 2020, 10.00 a.m. (Bangkok time (ICT), UTC+7)

**Action required:** Confirm attendance by **3 December 2020**

Dear Directors General/Chief Executive Officers of Civil Aviation Authorities of Asia Pacific Region,

This is with reference to ICAO State letter ref. EC 2/76-20/122, EC 6/3, AN 13/35 dated 17 November 2020 on the subject of Phase II of the ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) and other related documents attached hereto for ease of reference.

To provide further information to help you in implementation of the recommendations and guidelines in CART Phase II, I would like to invite you to a teleconference via Microsoft Teams platform on **8 December 2020 at 10.00 am (Bangkok time (ICT), UTC+7)**. Please use the joining instruction provided in the email. Your Administration is also invited to consult the Report and the guidance documents on the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Platform (<https://www.icao.int/covid/Pages/default.aspx>) and to implement the recommendations in coordination with the ICAO Regional Office.

Additionally, you may recall that the first COVID-19 Information Sharing Teleconference Session with APAC CAA Director Generals on 31 March 2020 had established the ICAO APAC COVID-19 Contingency and Recovery Planning Group (ACCRPG). The ACCRPG has conducted eight (8) meetings so far. The Reports of ACCRPG Meetings are available at the ICAO APAC Office website at <https://www.icao.int/APAC/ACCRPG/Pages/ACCRPG-Meetings.aspx>.

The First Progress Report of the ACCRPG was provided to you via ICAO State letter ref. SN 5/1 - AP156/20 (RD) dated 24 July 2020. This Report is also available at ICAO APAC website: <https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2020-ACCRPG4.aspx>. In this report to APAC DGCA eleven (11) ACCRPG recommendations were made to all APAC States to help them prioritise the key actions to reduce the risk to passengers, aviation staff and the community of COVID-19. The Report also includes some key factors that States across the Asia Pacific region will need to consider in implementing the restart and recovery of international aviation in the Asia Pacific. At the forthcoming Third COVID-19 Information Sharing Teleconference Session with APAC CAA Director Generals on 8 December 2020, you will also be provided with a Second Progress Report by the Co-Chairs of ACCRPG.

Recently, the APAC Region has seen some success which is evident in the resurgence in domestic air traffic with higher levels of passenger confidence in air travel. From an international perspective, some pioneering States have also implemented international safe travel lanes or special travel arrangements with similarly placed States, to leverage Public Health Corridor (PHC) or other travel bubble solutions to accelerate the restart of international air travel even further, and to facilitate travel, while safeguarding public health amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. During the forthcoming Third COVID-19 Information Sharing Teleconference Session with APAC CAA Director Generals, we would also be inviting these pioneering States to share their success stories, experiences including pertinent information on the *requirements and processes* for their Safe Travel Lanes/PHC/travel bubbles that they have successfully created with other States.

The agenda for the meeting is attached. The documentation relating to this meeting will be available at the ICAO APAC Office website ([www.icao.int/apac](http://www.icao.int/apac) > Meetings > Meeting List – 2020 > CISSAD2020-3) shortly. It would be helpful if you can indicate your availability to join this teleconference in advance to [apac@icao.int](mailto:apac@icao.int) preferably by 3 December 2020. In case you are unable to join then you may consider nominating a suitable representative to represent you. I look forward to your State's/Organization's active participation.

Yours sincerely,



Arun Mishra  
Regional Director

**Enclosures**

- ICAO State Letter EC 2/76-20/122, EC 6/3, AN 13/35 dated 17 November 2020
- Agenda



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**THIRD COVID-19 INFORMATION SHARING SESSION  
WITH APAC DIRECTOR GENERALS OF CIVIL AVIATION**

Web-conference, 8 December 2020, 10.00am (Bangkok time (ICT),  
UTC+7)

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**AGENDA**  
(Tentative)

1. Welcome Remarks by Mr Arun Mishra, Regional Director, ICAO APAC Office
  2. Opening Address by Dr Fang Liu, ICAO Secretary General [tbc]
  3. Update on Phase II of the ICAO Council's Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART)
  4. Update on ICAO Implementation Packages (iPack)
  5. Second ACCRPG Progress Report (by ACCRPG Co-chairs)
  6. Experience Sharing Session: International Safe Travel Lanes/ Public Health Corridor (PHC) / Travel Bubble Solutions  
Notes for Presenting States:
    - a. *Some pioneering States have implemented safe travel lanes or special travel arrangements with similarly placed States, to leverage Public Health Corridor (PHC) or other travel bubble solutions to accelerate the restart of international air travel.*
    - b. *APAC States are encouraged to make a 5-10 minutes' presentation (use of a PPT is encouraged) in this slot. Please confirm your willingness to share your experience and present your success story to [APAC@icao.int](mailto:APAC@icao.int) by 30 November 2020.*
    - c. *The presentation may cover important issues such as: **risk assessment process, testing requirements, quarantine exemptions/relaxations, mutual recognition of testing, and salient points of the requirements and processes for Safe Travel Lanes/PHC/travel bubbles with partner States etc.***
  7. Any Other Business:
    - Considerations on handling, transport and distribution of vaccines [tbc]
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