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REVIEW OF ICAO ACCRPG

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SUMMARY

This paper provides an overview of the ICAO APAC COVID-19 Contingency and Recovery Planning Group (ACCRPG), which assists the DGCAs in coordinating their approach to the management of civil aviation through, and out of, the current extraordinary circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ICAO APAC DGCA¹ *Information Sharing web-conference*, on the subject of COVID-19, 31 March 2020, decided to form a task force/group to assist the DGCAs in coordinating their approach to the management of civil aviation through, and out of, the current extraordinary circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.2 ICAO subsequently convened the APAC COVID-19 Contingency and Recovery Planning Group (ACCRPG). This paper provides an overview of the ICAO ACCRPG.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The ACCRPG role is to report to the APAC DGCAs on the progress of, and propose recommendations/actions as necessary to facilitate the implementation by States of the ICAO Council's Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART)² recommendations, and use of the CART guidance document, *Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis*, as appropriate.

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² ICAO Council's Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) is aimed at providing practical, aligned guidance to governments and industry operators in order to restart the international air transport sector and recover from the impacts of COVID-19 on a coordinated global basis

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2.2 Further details on the ACCRPG and the CART are available at the following ICAO websites:

<https://www.icao.int/APAC/ACCRPG/Pages/default.aspx>; and

<https://www.icao.int/covid/cart/Pages/default.aspx>.

2.3 The CART Report (Phase I), included eleven (11) recommendations for globally- and regionally-harmonized, mutually-accepted measures to facilitate a safe, secure and sustainable restart and recovery of the aviation sector. CART – Phase II, delivered an additional three (3) recommendations, which complement the original eleven recommendations of the CART Report.

2.4 The CART Recommendations specifically refer to aviation safety-related measures, aviation public health-related measures, security- and facilitation-related measures and economic and financial measures. In addition, one CART Recommendation concerns information-sharing and exchange on States’ actions and best practices.

2.5 None of the CART Recommendations directly relate to the provision of meteorological service.

2.6 The CART Recommendations on aviation safety-related measures do take into account that States may temporarily depart from ICAO Standards but must do so in a manner that does not compromise safety and security, and which is duly reported to ICAO. These departures should not be retained beyond the crisis.

2.7 The CART Recommendation on economic and financial measures specifies that these should be inclusive, targeted, proportionate, transparent, temporary and consistent with ICAO's policies, while striking an appropriate balance of interests without prejudice to fair competition.

2.8 Since its establishment, the ACCRPG has convened online for eight meetings to monitor and facilitate the implementation by APAC States of the CART Recommendations and guidance. In addition, the ACCRPG has adopted recommendations to support APAC air traffic management capacity coordination.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 Note the information contained in this paper.
