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Subject: ICAO Aviation – Public Health Experts’ Roundtable:
“Future of Aviation: Facing the New Normal with COVID-19”
4 November 2020 - VTC

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you and your representatives to the Aviation-Public Health Experts’ Roundtable themed **“Future of Aviation: Facing the New Normal with COVID-19”** which will be held through web conferencing from 10:00 – 12:00 hrs. Bangkok time (UTC+7) on 4th November 2020. The roundtable is organized following the 6th meeting of the APAC COVID-19 Contingency and Recovery Planning Group (ACCRPG/6) held on 28 August 2020 which recommended ICAO to convene a special “Roundtable” to assist States in discussing and building consensus on aviation public health-related measures in the APAC region.

You may also recall that the Joint WHO-ICAO Webinar conducted on 5th Oct 2020 to discuss issues relating to opening of borders and recovery of aviation from the impact of the pandemic was attended by over 400 aviation sector and public health sector participants and provided a good understanding of the challenges the two respective sectors are facing and some informative perspectives on restarting cross-border travel.

Moving forward from the awareness and the interaction built up from the Webinar, the round table discussion will provide an opportunity for aviation and public health professionals from a selected number of States to engage in a focused discussion to build consensus, increase reciprocal awareness, achieve common objectives and promote increased collaboration between the Public Health and Aviation sectors. The roundtable has two interrelated segments, i.e. to ‘*examine strategies to recover travel*’ and the other to ‘*enhance mutual trust*’, which have forward looking objectives to find common grounds for an aviation recovery. The roundtable will be moderated by Professor Teo Yik Ying, Dean of Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health in the National University of Singapore.

It is therefore strongly recommended that States encourage Civil Aviation Ministry officials, Civil Aviation Authority personnel who deal with public health emergency preparedness planning, Airport, Air Navigation Service Provider and Airline representatives, and other Stakeholders as relevant who have interest in the roundtable to participate. Very importantly, you are also kindly requested to forward this invitation to your counterparts in the Ministry of Health and other concerned agencies.

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The Roundtable Concept Note with the Agenda and the Microsoft Teams session joining link are enclosed. Please send any inquires you have in this regard by e-mail to APAC@icao.int.

Accept Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Arun Mishra
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Enclosures: Roundtable Concept Note with Provisional Agenda
MS Teams link to join the roundtable