

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE

DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION - EUR/NAT REGIONS

TELECONFERENCE MEETING (EUR/NAT-DGCA/2020-4)

(Paris, France, 8 June 2020)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The teleconference-based Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the ICAO European and North Atlantic Regions (EUR/NAT-DGCA/2020-4) was held on 8 June 2020.
- 1.2 Ninety-eight participants from 40 States and 8 International and Regional Organizations took part in the teleconference. The list of participants is provided in **Appendix A**.
- 1.3 The Meeting was convened in follow-up to the adoption of the ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Task force (CART) Report and guidance material on aviation public health measures to minimise the COVID-19 associated risks with the following main objectives:
 - a) provide a briefing on the ICAO guidance on aviation public health measures to minimize the COVID-19 associated risks;
 - b) provide information about the ICAO existing and future (virtual) assistance programme; and
 - c) share information on States' and International and Regional Organizations' implementation related issues, developments and plans in this regard.
- 1.4 The Meeting was opened by Dr. Fang Liu, Secretary General of ICAO, who highlighted the main purpose of the CART Report and the associated Take-off Guidance Document as well as the necessity for all stakeholders to implement risk mitigation measures in full accordance with the latest and the prudent medical and traveler health advice in a harmonized manner. She also stressed that aviation was an important driver of economic recovery.
- 1.5 Ms. Silvia Gehrer, Regional Director of the ICAO Europe and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Regional Office outlined the main considerations which guided the drafters of the CART Report and Guidance Document and the role of the ICAO EUR/NAT Office in ensuring a well-coordinated and harmonized implementation of the measures to support the restart and recovery of aviation in the Region.
- 1.6 The following Agenda was proposed and approved:
 - a) briefing on the ICAO guidance on aviation public health measures to minimise the COVID-19 associated risks;
 - b) information about the ICAO existing and future (virtual) assistance programme; and
 - round table discussion with DGs CAAs, European Regional and International Organizations
 to share information on implementation related issues, developments and plans in this
 regard.

2. Agenda item 1

2.1 ICAO provided a joint presentation that included information on the ICAO CART Report and its recommendations and the guidance in the Take-Off Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis as well as the regional initiatives that were planned to support States' implementation of the public health measures in the recovery and restart of aviation activities.

- 2.2 H.E. Philippe Bertoux, Ambassador of France on the ICAO Council and Chairperson of the CART, briefly presented the CART Report and its recommendations. He emphasized that States should establish aviation public health procedures in line with the guidance in the Take-Off Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis Document. The Take-off Guidance Document, divided into four modules: Airport, Aircraft, Crew, Cargo, was considered the core element of the strategy for the recovery.
- 2.3 He highlighted that the guidance material should serve as a common reference for all stakeholders, however it was not mandatory from the legal perspective. It was noted that it was the first global guidance drafted since the onset of the pandemic and it would be revised and updated on a regular basis.
- Dr. Ansa Jordaan, Chief of the Aviation Medicine Section at ICAO Headquarters, explained the Public Health Corridor (PHC) implementation initiative, which was recommended by the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA) and used to harmonize the implementation. She emphasized that the key considerations were to ensure continued flight operations whilst ensuring the protection of health and safety of crew and passengers against the transmission of COVID-19 through coordinated implementation of harmonized procedures.

3. Agenda item 2

- 3.1 Mr. Elkhan Nahmadov, Deputy Regional Director, and Mr. Sarantis Poulimenakos, Regional Officer and CAPSCA EUR Regional Coordinator of the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office, outlined the ICAO EUR/NAT implementation actions which revolved around three pillars, namely support implementation of the measures, regional coordination and harmonization as well as monitoring and reporting. It was stressed that regional coordination and the use of existing mechanisms to avoid duplication was key in these actions.
- 3.2 The support currently provided by the EUR/NAT Office during the crisis included:
 - a) Daily COVID-19 updates to all public health and civil aviation professionals;
 - b) Weekly updates of COVID-19 restrictions, through CAPSCA EUR Network;
 - c) Providing expert technical advice to urgent questions from States through the CAPSCA expert groups and collaboration with WHO;
 - d) Regular coordination teleconferences within the CAPSCA EUR Network; and
 - e) Regular teleconferences of the regional groups, namely EASPG, NAT SPG, and ENAVSECG.
- 3.3 It was noted that the ongoing ICAO EUR/NAT Technical Assistance programme would be adapted according to the CART recommendations. Some of the activities planned were:
 - a) Webinars related to the promotion of the CART recommendations and CAPSCA Public Health principles for CAA and Public Health professionals to help build necessary capacity within the national systems;
 - b) CAPSCA Technical Assistance missions to States and designated international airports; and
 - c) CAPSCA online training courses, held jointly with the ICAO Regional Training Centre of Excellence for CAPSCA technical advisors.
- 3.4 It was noted that the ICAO CART recommendations were grouped into four main areas, namely Aviation Safety, Public Health Measures, Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL) and Economic and Financial Measures.
- 3.5 With specific reference to AVSEC contingency measures, there was a specific guidelines document complementing the CART Report. The EUR/NAT Office would be supporting States for the

implementation of these guidelines, through seminars and training using the regional network of AVSEC training centres, which would include:

- a) Improvement of the understanding of Annex 9 SARPs;
- b) Establishment and use of a National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (NATFC) and its duties as cross sectoral coordination entity (CAA, Health, Customs, Immigration, etc.); and
- c) Cross sectoral cooperation AVSEC-FAL via NATFC and National Civil Aviation Security Committee (NCASC).
- 3.6 In terms of regional coordination, harmonization, monitoring and reporting, it was noted that CAPSCA EUR was one of the major tools in terms of Public Health measures implementation, in particular, through its teleconferences and sharing of information through this network. It was noted that the next meeting would be held in Cologne in October 2020 in cooperation with EASA.
- 3.7 Coordination with Regional and International Organizations such as WHO, WTO, IATA, ACI, EC DG Santé, EASA and ECDC, was a key factor for the implementation and monitoring of the measures.
- 3.8 It was also noted that the next ENAVSECG activities were:
 - a) ENAVSECG ad hoc teleconference on COVID-19 related issues on 12 June 2020; and
 - b) ENAVSECG/08 face to face meeting from 6 to 9 October 2020.
- 3.9 In the Aviation Safety area, the existing mechanism established through the EASPG and NAT SPG via teleconferences and face to face meetings would be used.

4. Agenda item 3

- 4.1 The round table discussion was opened by Mr. Luis Miguel Ribeiro, Chairman of the ICAO EUR/NAT DGCA and Chairman of the Board, ANAC Portuguese Civil Aviation Authority. He highlighted the importance of the CART Report and its attachments, and indicated that the main challenge was the coordination and harmonization of implementations at the regional and global levels. He stated that regional coordination and harmonization needs would to be ensured through the ICAO mechanisms whilst monitoring and reporting of the progress was very important.
- 4.2 Mr. Levan Karanadze, Director General of Civil Aviation of Georgia and Vice-Chair of the ICAO EUR/NAT DGCA, in supporting Mr. Ribeiro's views, also stated that the implementation needed to be supported by regulations, procedure tools, training and close cooperation with Regional Organizations. The main objective was to build confidence amongst the traveling public, society and governments.
- 4.3 Mr. Alexey Novgorodov, Deputy Director CAA, Russian Federation, drew attention to the importance of general harmonization in order to prevent the spread of the virus and stated their readiness to cooperate with other States to share best practices. He informed that the Federal Air Transport Agency had developed a document for methodical instructions to avoid the spread of the virus which would be translated into English and made available to the public on the website of FATA.
- A briefing was provided by Mr. Luc Tytgat, EASA, describing their contribution to the work of the CART and stated that the global approach to ensuring that there were no gaps in the Safety Nets was crucial. A roadmap established by the European Commission with mandates to start recovery for the EU and associated States, the Aviation Health Safety Protocol, jointly created by aviation safety authorities and health authorities had been published.
- 4.5 Mr. Giancarlo Buono, IATA, supported the ICAO CART Guidelines; underlined the importance of harmonization, safety and security, flexibility, capacity reestablishment, environmental targets

and indicated their commitment to continue working with ICAO and WHO for establishing and improving global standards.

- 4.6 A statement was provided by Mr. Morgan Foulkes, ACI Europe, welcoming the CART Report and its recommendations and providing information regarding statistical information on European Airports. The main goal was to foster harmonization and additional guidelines had been developed for airports. He expressed his concerns about the possible misinterpretation of the EASA Blacklist by some countries.
- 4.7 Ms. Elena Skomorokhina, IAC, informed the meeting that three actions had been taken by their Organization, namely, keep up the high standards of flight safety, devise recommendations which are believed to help the aviation industry and organise a teleconference on 8 July 2020 to share best practices, views and review coordination. All stakeholders were invited to participate in this event.
- 4.8 Mr. Mohamed Moussif, from Morocco, whilst welcoming the CART Report and the associated guidance related to ensuring safety of crew and passengers, requested more information concerning similar guidance for the operations at ACCs and protection of air traffic controllers. Additionally, concerning general aviation, he enquired if there were requirements regarding HEPA filters or universal protection kits. It was noted that this was currently being worked on by ICAO in cooperation with CANSO and IBAC and additional guidance for ANSPs and GA aircraft would be provided shortly.
- 4.9 In response to ACI's question concerning the EASA Blacklist, Mr. Luc Tytgat clarified that this was related to EASA's recommendation that airports be disinfected at least once a day and in order not to create misinterpretation, more clarification could be found on the EASA website.

5. Any other business

- 5.1 The Meeting was closed by the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Director, who thanked participants for their participation and provided the current list of ICAO EUR/NAT outreach and assistance activities. All States were invited to share their concerns on the implementation of the CART measures and submit their inputs in writing so that their concerns could be addressed in a coordinated manner in the future technical assistance activities that were being developed and delivered.
- 5.2 The meeting was also provided with web-links to the ICAO EUR/NAT Webpage and the ICAO Headquarters Webpage which provided easily accessible information on the latest COVID-19 mitigation measures.

LIST OF APPENDICES
Appendix A—List of Participants

APPENDIX A — LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

(Paragraph 1.2 refers)

STATE/ ORGANISATION	NAME	POSITION	ORGANISATION
Albania	Edlira Kraja	Executive Director	Albanian Civil Aviation Authority
Armenia	Armine Danielyan	Medical assessor, Senior medical specialist	Civil Aviation Committee of the Republic of Armenia
Austria	Karin Puleo-Leodolter	Deputy Director	Federal Ministry for climate action
Austria	Andreas Herndler	Head of Austrian Aviation Crisis Coordination Cell	Civil Aviation Authority
Austria	Antonia Hatler	Head of Department Strategy and International, CAA	Ministry of Climate Action and Mobility
Belarus	Artem Sikorsky	Director	CAA of Republic of Belarus
Belgium	An de Lange	International policy coordinator- advisor policy unit	Belgian CAA
Bulgaria	Alexander Gyurov	Director General	CAA Bulgaria
Canada	Patrick Juneau	Director, Safety Policy and Intelligence – Civil Aviation	Transport Canada
Canada	Tyler Brooks	Director, Medicine	Transport Canada
Canada	Ryan Kennedy		Transport Canada
Croatia	Dinko Staničić	Director of the Civil Aviation Sector	Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrstructure
Czech Republic	Marie Hauerova	Senior Officer	Ministry of Transport, Civil Aviation Department
Denmark	Lars Barsalej Pedersen	Consultant	Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Agency
Finland	Matti Tupamaki	Deputy to Director General of Civil Aviation	CAA Finland (Finnish Transport and Communications Agency)
France	Philippe Bertoux	Ambassadeur, Représentant Permanent	Représentation permanente de la France au Conseil de l'OACI
France	Bertrand de Lacombe	Director EU and International affairs	DGAC (Direction générale de l'aviation civile)
Georgia EURNAT-DGCA and EASPG Vice- Chair	Levan Karanadze	Director General	Georgian Civil Aviation Agency
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Hungary	Erika Varga	Legal adviser to the DGCA	Ministry of Innovation and Technology
Iceland	Jon Gunnar Jonsson	Director General	Icelandic Transport Authority
Iceland	Halla Sigurdardottir	Deputy Director General	Icelandic Transport Authority
Iceland NAT SPG Chair	Hlin Holm	Head of ANS Section	Icelandic Transport Authority
Ireland	Aidan Glover	Assistant Principal	Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
Ireland	Suzanne Jones	Assistant Principal Officer Aviation Safety	Department of Transport Tourism and Sport
Israel	Eli Alook	Head of Regulations and Standards Department, NCMC to ICAO	Civil Aviation Authority of Israel

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Morocco	Tarik Talibi	Directeur du Transport Aérien	Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile
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Morocco	Safae Raddaf	Head of AVSEC and FAL service	Moroccan Civil Aviation Authority (DGAC)
Morocco	Mohamed Moussif	Chief Medical Officer at Casablanca International Airport	Medical advisor to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation
Netherlands	Richard Ossendorp	ICAO Council Member	MoT NL/Abis Group
North Macedonia	Tomislav Tuntev	Director General	CAA North Macedonia
Poland	Piotr Samson	President of DGCA	Civil Aviation Authority of the Republic of Poland
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Sweden	Gunnar Ljungberg	Director of Civil Aviation and Maritime Department	Swedish Transport Agency
Switzerland	Urs Haldimann	Head legal and international affairs	Federal Office of Civil Aviation
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Turkey	Haydar Yalcin	Deputy Director General	Turkish DGCA
Ukraine	Iryna Shevchuk	Deputy Director of Directorate	State Aviation Administration of Ukraine
Ukraine	Vladyslav Babenko	Head of Risk Management Division	State Aviation Administration of Ukraine
Ukraine	Volodymyr Ovchynnikov	Head of Continuing airworthiness department	State Aviation Administration of Ukraine
United Kingdom	David Lloyd	UK Permanent Representative to ICAO	Department for Transport
United Kingdom	Tamara Goodwin	Alternate UK Representative to ICAO	Department for Transport
United Kingdom	Padhraic Kelleher	Alternate UK Representative to ICAO	Department for Transport
United Kingdom	Marianthi Leontaridi	Director General of Civil Aviation	Department for Transport
United Kingdom	Ben Alcott	International Director	Civil Aviation Authority
United Kingdom	Glenn Bradley	Head of Flight Operations	Civil Aviation Authority
United Kingdom	Sarah Hill	Head of EU & International Relations	Civil Aviation Authority
United States	Ian Ross	FAA Senior Representative	Federal Aviation Administration
ACI	Morgan Foulkes	Deputy Director General	ACI EUROPE
ACI	Federico Bonaudi	Head of Facilitation	ACI EUROPE
ACAO	Abdennebi Manar	Director General	Arab Civil Aviation Organization
ACAO	Khaled Antar	Air Transport Expert	Arab Civil Aviation Organization
ACAO	Rejeb Mohamed	Air Navigation and Air Safety Expert	Arab Civil Aviation Organization

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ACAO	Adel Bouloutar	Aviation Security and Environment Expert	Arab Civil Aviation Organization
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