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EUROPEAN SUPPORT TO THE NO COUNTRY LEFT BEHIND INITIATIVE (NCLB)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Europe fully supports the objectives of the ICAO No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative that aims to better implement SARPs at the global level and ensure a safe, secure, efficient, economically viable and environmentally sound air transport system in all ICAO Contracting States.

In addition to the many activities undertaken by individual European States, the European contribution is notably illustrated by the activities carried out by the European Union (European Commission and the European Aviation Safety Agency), the European Civil Aviation Conference and by EUROCONTROL. These activities support States inside and outside Europe in developing safe, secure and reliable air transport which brings economic benefits whilst having a limited impact on the environment.

This paper presents some of these activities for the information of the Assembly.

Strategic Objectives:

This working paper relates to all Strategic Objectives.

¹ Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom

² Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative launched by ICAO aims at better harmonizing the implementation of SARPs at the global level and ensuring a safe, secure, efficient, economically viable and environmentally sound air transport system in all ICAO Contracting States.

1.2 Europe strongly supports the objectives of the NCLB initiative. This support is notably illustrated by a number of activities undertaken by the European Union (EU), the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) and EUROCONTROL. These activities support States inside and outside Europe and assist in developing safe, secure and reliable air transport that brings economic benefits while having a limited impact on environment.

1.3 This paper presents a non-exhaustive list of activities and initiatives that are still active or have been recently carried out by Europe. There are also several future activities and projects which are under preparation but are not listed in this paper.

1.4 It should also be noted that Europe also contributes to the No Country Left Behind initiative through the activities and support undertaken, bilaterally or multilaterally, by the Member States of the EU and by the other Member States of the ECAC. These activities are not covered by this paper

1.5 In addition, whilst not listed in the table in the Appendix, a number of agreements and working arrangements have been signed at the European level (either by the EU, the European Commission, EASA, ECAC or EUROCONTROL) and are contributing to a safe, secure, efficient, economically viable and environmentally sound global air transport system.

2. EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO ENSURE A SAFE, SECURE, EFFICIENT, ECONOMICALLY VIABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND GLOBAL AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM

2.1 At the regional level European initiatives aimed at supporting States in the area of aviation are mainly organized by the EU, ECAC and EUROCONTROL.

2.2 The EU has an active strategy in the area of technical assistance which covers all aviation areas (economic regulation, safety, security, air navigation and environment). In the area of aviation safety, where the volume of activities is the largest, this is notably reflected by the technical assistance that is funded by the European Commission and implemented by EASA. These projects aim to improve the level of safety worldwide and to support the NCLB initiative, including through cooperation with ICAO, partner States and Regional Safety Oversight Organisations (RSOOs).

2.3 ECAC has been implementing a Capacity Building Programme in the field of aviation security since 2003 for the benefits of its 44 Member States. This Programme comprises a wide range of activities, from the organisation of multilateral workshops on topics of common interest to many States to targeted, national activity to help States address specific issues. Opportunities to participate in certain activities of this Programme are also offered to a number of non-ECAC States. In addition, capacity building activities are also organised in the field of facilitation.

2.4 EUROCONTROL has developed activities, in collaboration with the European Commission, EASA, ICAO, States aviation authorities, other organisations, manufacturers and

associations with a view to achieving the strategic objective of improving the performance of the ATM network in Europe and globally. These activities are aimed at achieving the capacity needed to meet the requirements of all civil and military users in a cost-effective manner while maintaining the required level of safety within a total aviation system approach.

2.5 The table in the Appendix regroups a number of European initiatives and projects whose objective is to ensure a safe, secure, efficient, economically viable and environmentally sound air transport system in all ICAO Contracting States. As previously noted this table is not exhaustive and a number of additional cooperation and capacity building activities are undertaken both at European and at a national level.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 Through the projects listed in the Appendix, as well as through other projects including those developed by individual European States, Europe provides a broad and worldwide contribution to the improvement of air transport in all areas, thus contributing to the objectives and success of the No Country Left Behind initiative.

APPENDIX

RECENT ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES DEVELOPED AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

Name of the initiative	Main partner(s)	State(s)/ Region	Specific objective(s)
Capacity Building for CO ₂ Mitigation from International Aviation	ICAO European Commission	African and Caribbean countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help beneficiary States to address emissions from international aviation • Support building capacities to track, manage and reduce aviation CO₂ emissions
Support to the Improvement of Aviation Safety in Africa (SIASA)	European Commission EASA	African States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to regional regulatory convergence and standardisation in line with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) • Support the air transport sector integration at regional level through institutional assistance and capacity building actions • Contribute to the integration of air transport sector and to ensure a safe and sustainable aviation environment on the African continent
SAFIR & TREGA	European Commission	African States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAFIR: Satellite navigation services for AFI Region - GNSS/EGNOS - Staffing of a Programme Management Team and related Working Group Activities • TREGA: Training for EGNOS in Africa - GNSS/EGNOS - Training for the Programme Management Team and procurement of the Testing platform / software simulator
Central Africa Aviation Safety Project (CAASP /ATA-AC)	European Commission EASA	Central African States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Central African States insertion into the world economy and promote the economic growth in order to reduce poverty • Contribute to the prevention and the reduction of civil aviation incidents and accidents through support to the setting

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			up of the Regional Safety Oversight Organisation ASSA-AC, training of technical personnel and development of an action plan for the rehabilitation of main airports
Aviation Security in Africa - ACP	European Commission IATA	African members of the ACP group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to air transport sector • Support capacity building and assistance actions on aviation security
Improvement of Safety Oversight in Malawi (IASOM)	European Commission EASA	Malawi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to a reliable, safe aviation environment capable of promoting economic growth in Malawi • Enhance the regulatory and institutional framework and technical and organisational capacity building
Aviation Sector Support Programme in Zambia	European Commission EASA ECAC	Zambia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote regional integration and equitable economic growth in Zambia through the development of the aviation sector, so to improve of compliance with international aviation standards, especially in terms of both air safety and security oversight.
Civil Aviation Security in Africa and in the Arabian Peninsula region (CASE)	European Commission ECAC	African States and Arabian Peninsula Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing aviation security in partner States (e.g. cargo security, landside, MANPADS) • Exchanging aviation security knowledge and skills • Strengthening human, organisational, and technical capacity in partners States
Establishment of joint training courses	EUROCONTROL IATA	African States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the coordination, planning and oversight of AIS/AIM and of training services, and the European AIS Database (EAD) connection on request of the ICAO AFI Region
Twinning projects in aviation	European Union Member States	Europe Neighbouring Countries (Algeria, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Morocco,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the international aviation standards in the Beneficiary Countries through legislative approximation and improvement of the institutional and the technical competences to be in line

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		Tunisia, Ukraine etc)	with ICAO Standards, EU acquis and with the policy of creating a Common Aviation Area Agreement with the ENP countries.
Euromed Aviation Safety Project (EASP)	European Commission EASA	North Africa / Mediterranean States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the development of common safety standards and procedures within the Euro Mediterranean region based upon high level safety standards • Reinforce the cooperation between Mediterranean Partners themselves, and with the EU
Euro-Mediterranean Transport Cooperation (EUROMED)	European Commission	Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, and Tunisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance and capacity building in the field of aviation security (in a number of cases delivered by the European States in the form of Twinning Projects)
ASEAN Air Transport Integration Project (AATIP)	European Commission EASA France United Kingdom EUROCONTROL	Southeast Asian Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute towards sustainable ASEAN economic growth and the integration of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), through the development of the civil air transport sector • Facilitate the development of the institutional frameworks to strengthen institutional capacities within ASEAN with a view to support the achievement of a safe, secure and sustainable ASEAN Single Aviation Market, based on high regulatory standards
Eastern partnership countries (ENP) and Central Asia (CA) safety and security projects	European Commission EASA ECAC	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading civil aviation safety and security standards in Eastern European and Central Asia beneficiary States • Support the implementation of aviation agreement • Contribute to aviation safety by promoting awareness and involvement of ENP countries in the work of EASA
EU-China Aviation Partnership Project	European Commission	China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the strengthen of EU-China aviation relations by addressing current and future key bottlenecks in

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	EASA EU NAAs European Industry SESAR		the Chinese aviation system, such as <i>inter alia</i> ATM/ANS capacity enhancement, technical and regulatory development in aviation safety and regulatory exchanges and developments regarding the impact of civil aviation on the environment
TRACECA Civil Aviation II	European Commission	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the sustainable development of civil aviation in the beneficiary countries, harmonizing regulations and working practices to comply with international standards (ICAO), international best practices and prepare for the implementation of international standards and EU regulations concerning security, ATM and the environment
Maldives project	European Commission EASA	Maldives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support implementation of high safety standards in the area of Flight Operations and Flight Crew Licensing
Aviation safety cooperation with General Civil Aviation Authority of the United Arab Emirates (GCAA)	EASA	United Arab Emirates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support implementation of the European Union aviation safety rules in order to further enhance safety levels and to facilitate the exchange of aviation products, services and personnel
Cooperative Development of Operational Safety & Continuing Airworthiness Program COSCAP- Gulf States	ICAO European Commission	Gulf States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing the safety and efficiency of air transport operations in the region through the establishment of a Regional Aviation Safety Organization • Enhancing individual oversight capability of each participant State through on-site assistance, training of national inspectors and conducting systematic assessment of States' flight safety organizations • Assisting in the training of technical personnel and inspectors with a view to improve competence and knowledge of inspectors

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South Asian Regional Initiative (SARI)	European Commission EASA	South Asian States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the harmonisation of aviation safety regulations in South Asia • Providing a forum and activities to assist States in conjunction with COSCAP-SA
EASA Programme on aviation safety (Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) Projects)	European Commission EASA	Albania, Bosnia/ Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support beneficiary countries to fulfil their international obligations on aviation safety • Ensure that beneficiary countries with the potential risk of significant aviation safety concerns will increase their capacity to close their findings, including those identified by the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programmes of ICAO (USOAP)
ISIS Programme	European Commission	Albania, Bosnia/ Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the interconnection of the air navigation network infrastructures and services • Align air navigation rules and standards • Support and sustain the extension of Single European Sky to the South East of Europe
EU-Latin America Civil Aviation Project	ICAO EASA	South and Central America States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support beneficiary countries to fulfil their international obligations • SAFA promotion
Aviation Safety - Expertise and technical assistance	European Commission EASA	Worldwide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and support of States in the framework of the EU Air Safety List • Provision of expertise and technical assistance to raise common safety standards and enhance safety oversight