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**THE ROLE OF NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT FACILITATION COMMITTEE
(NATFC) DURING THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

(Presented by Indonesia)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objectives: <i>Security and Facilitation</i>
<i>Financial implications:</i>	No financial implications
<i>References:</i>	ICAO Annex 9 — <i>Facilitation</i>

1. INTRODUCTION

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1.2 During COVID-19 pandemic, DGCA Indonesia implemented a number of operational adjustments to support the prevention and control program to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and to maintain the health of aircraft passengers, airport visitors, and airport workers. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation continuously strived to increase public confidence in using air transportation. The Ministry of Transportation issued regulations for international and domestic Air Transport Operations during Pandemic COVID-19 meeting ICAO, WHO, Ministry of Health and National COVID-19 Task Force guidelines.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The National COVID-19 Task Force was established by the President of the Republic of Indonesia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to accelerate the successful handling of COVID-19 activities. The Task Force played an important role with policy making and to establish appropriate measures during the COVID-19 pandemic. The task force consists of several ministries, agencies, the Indonesian military and national police.

2.2 The COVID-19 Task Force was the coordinator to ensure synergy between all related stakeholders to overcome the pandemic. The task force five main objectives:

- a. improve national resilience in the health sector;
- b. accelerate appropriate COVID-19 measure through synergies between ministries/agencies and local governments;
- c. increase anticipation of the escalation of the spread of COVID-19;
- d. increase the synergy of operational policy making;
- e. improve readiness and ability to prevent, detect, and respond to COVID-19.

2.3 The Domestic Travel and International Travel Health Protocols policies developed by the National Task Force during the COVID-19 Pandemic was required to develop measures of how to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. The measures were continuously updated, monitored, and evaluated based on pandemic situations. The policy and cross-border strategy during the COVID-19 pandemic included:

- a. mitigation strategy;
- b. pre departure strategies;
- c. in-travel strategies;
- d. post arrival strategies.

2.4 The Minister of Transportation, Republic of Indonesia, established a National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (NATFC) in accordance with ICAO Annex 9, chaired by the Director General of Civil Aviation, to ensure the implementation of the policies for Domestic and International Travel Health Protocols during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The member of NATFC comprised of every government including different ministries, Indonesian military, national police and relevant industries. The NATFC conducted regular meetings to collaborate and coordinate required policies. Relevant information was published on a regular basis in social media to inform the public about the current air transport travel requirements.

2.5 The NATFC provided guidance, clarification and exemption for challenges faced by the stakeholders to enhanced a standardized implementation of policies. Several challenges identified were the implementation of compliant the policies, dynamic regulatory changes required for a specific pandemic situation and a lack of human resources at airports to verify the validation of health requirement documents.

2.6 In addition to the NATFC, Airport Facilitation Committees coordinated Domestic and International Travel Health Protocol Policies during the COVID-19 Pandemic at airport level. Regular meetings were conducted to address resolutions for specific challenges faced by the stakeholders in implementing approved policies.

2.7 The NATFC ensured passenger travel compliance by intensively coordinating with the airports and related stakeholders to provide implement procedures, health checkpoints and ensure availability of the personnel to oversee validation of health requirements documents.

2.8 The success of the policies implementation has been confirmed by the innovation of the electronic application of Peduli Lindungi developed by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia. The application is used for health monitoring to monitor the spread of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19), through tracing, tracking, and warning of all sectors including aviation. Passengers with digital vaccination cards and digital COVID-19 test results in the Peduli Lindungi account was allowed to proceed directly to the check-in counter. The validation of the documents was conducted in a timely manner.

2.9 The application has been periodically updated in accordance with current policies. The Ministry of Health continuously communicated and coordinated with the NATFC regarding the application update and all the the National Air Transport Facilitation Committee Members were informed on a timely manner.

2.10 The National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (NATFC) plays an important role during the COVID-19 Pandemic in coordinating the implementation of Guidelines for International and Domestic Flights During the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic.

3. **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this Paper.

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