



**Item 5 of  
the Agenda:           Other Business**

**Measures developed for the mitigation of COVID-19 events in the ATS  
units of the Republic of Argentina.**

(Submitted by Argentina)

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
This Informative Note is submitted with the intention of communicating the mitigation measures adopted by the ANSP in the Republic of Argentina, following the guidelines of WHO, CANSO and ICAO in the presence of the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the SAM Region countries.	
<b>ICAO Strategic Objectives</b>	<i>A – Operational Safety, B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency.</i>

**1                   Background**

1.1               In accordance with the widely known event of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on worldwide aviation, the Argentine Air Navigation Company (EANA S.E.) has adopted a set of measures with the purpose of mitigating possible contagion among the operative staff and of continuing providing air navigation services at all times.

1.2               Here follows a detail of some of the measures adopted:

- Contingency procedure for the submission of a flight plan via TELEFAX, telephone or e-mail in the ARO/AIS Offices, published through AIC A 26/2020;
- The Argentine Aviation Authority produced and made available a document to be adopted by the ANSP called “*Guidance for the Prevention and Health Protection due to COVID-19 for the Operational Personnel in the ANSP Units*”;
- Creation of the COVID-19 Permanent Committee;
- Operative shifts with fixed, closed blocks;
- Staff reduction to the least possible degree;
- Days off Windows of between 6 and 10 days to prevent the occurrence of suspected cases;
- (Passive) backup staff for symptomatic COVID-19 blocks replacements;
- Non-operative staff with teleworking modality;
- Service hours reduction of the SNA with “on request” and HJ modalities;
- Improvement of cleaning and disinfection practices in the operative units.

1.3               In order to have the operative staff trained and qualified during the period when there is a great decrease of flights, the following measures as regards training have been adopted:

- Preparation of a “*contingency*” plan for training and recurrences;
- Change to the virtual modality of the different on-site trainings;
- Increase of the number of courses in the virtual platform.

1.4 The CAA and the ANSP agreed to establish different service hours for the aerodromes. Trunk aerodromes for aerial operations continue with the H24 modality; those providing support for daytime air navigation have the HJ modality; and the opening hours of the aerodromes with low complexity have been reduced to the “*on request*” (O/R) modality. This produced a great effect, optimizing the staff working hours and minimizing contagion. Likewise, the same criteria have been applied for the SEI and the Airport Health Department, services provided by the CAA.

1.5 One of the most important issues to consider is that, with the application of this set of measures, the air navigation services have been provided during these months, keeping the highest levels of operational safety.

**2 Suggested actions:**

This invitation to the meeting has the purpose of:

- a) taking note of the information provided in this document;
- b) considering that the measures applied by the Republic of Argentina have shown great profits with the lower proportion of services and operative staff affected;
- c) disseminating guidance document for the prevention and health protection due to COVID-19 for the operational personnel in the ANSP units, produced by the CAA of the Argentine State.