



Agenda Item 2: Presentation of initiative for recovery and actions taken by States and industry

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents the project proposal to compile in a collaborative manner a basket of measures for Civil Aviation recovery in the Region, in response to the COVID-19 crisis.	
References: -	
ICAO Strategic Objectives:	- <i>Safety</i> - <i>Security and Facilitation</i> - <i>Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 The aviation industry has been strongly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Airlines, airports and their respective organizations, as well as other players in the industry, have requested actions from governments to help minimize the effects of the crisis. Considering the multitude of different situations and requests, as well as of the responses from governments around the world, we foresee an important opportunity to aggregate efforts of both the States and the industry (airlines, airports, air navigation service providers, others) to face the current situation, as well as to create an environment for a faster recovery.

2. Discussion

2.1 The outbreak of COVID-19 has imposed a new reality to air transport. Air cargo transport remains a key option to carry not only cargo in general but more specifically medical supplies and other basic items to maintain the ability of the countries to fight the outbreak and to keep fundamental activities working. However, passenger transport has been directly affected, and the decrease in demand affects not only airlines, but also the civil aviation supply chain: airports, air navigation service providers and many other stakeholders.

2.2 Since the aviation system has numerous elements, there are many different types of actions being discussed. A collaborative approach for focusing efforts could help the stakeholders in knowing and understanding different initiatives and their impacts. Therefore, the industry and the States would have more elements to adopt the initiatives more suited for their specific needs, and make implementation faster

and easier, reducing the impacts and allowing a faster recovery of the aviation system. ICAO, with its articulating role and network approach to deploy expertise, tools and resources, provides an adequate environment for this initiative.

2.3 The goal of this Project is to gather efforts and attention to the air transport sector challenges in the region and produce a compiled regional basket of measures for recovery (toolbox) based on the collaborative inputs from States, international organizations, aviation industry and other stakeholders. The States and the industry would then have one additional source of decision-making elements to adopt their own initiatives more suited for their specific needs, and make more informed decisions, avoiding unnecessary delays implementing measures for the recovery of the aviation system.

2.4 Attachment 1 to this Working Paper contains a draft Project Charter of this initiative, for further details.

3. **Suggested action**

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Evaluate and provide feedback to the proposed initiative
- b) Appoint points of contact in their respective organizations to collaborate in this initiative.