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**MEASURES ADOPTED BY BOLIVIA FOR THE CONTENTION OF COVID-19**

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**SUMMARY**

This working paper presents some of the measures adopted by Bolivia for the gradual restart of commercial operations, within the framework of biosafety measures and a cooperative environment, to ensure balanced participation of domestic operators, with the purpose of restoring the trust of users.

The “code-sharing in domestic flights” figure supports the restart of commercial operations, mitigating the negative economic impact caused by COVID-19.

Likewise, the aeronautical authority has spearheaded the development of contingency plans by operators for a gradual return of operations, establishing biosafety measures, as shown in a “Passenger Information Card”, that lists, in Spanish and English, the conditions to be met by passengers in order to have access to air transport.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The COVID-19 emergency has created an unprecedented critical situation in civil aviation, affecting, *inter alia*, internal and external connectivity, the financial position of commercial airlines, and the entire logistics generated by air transport in the States.

1.2 Regarding connectivity, the pandemic has led States to close their borders, thus interrupting the distribution of passengers, cargo and mail at the national and international level.

1.3 The provision of medical inputs to fight the pandemic and, in general, of cargo and logistics, has been compromised.

1.4 Consequently, Bolivia has encouraged negotiations among operators to reach operational agreements for the continuity of commercial activities, based on cooperation and the sharing of resources.

1.5 Furthermore, in view of the need to restore trust among users, which has been seriously affected by the pandemic, it was deemed necessary to provide passengers with the disciplinary and biosafety measures established in the national and international sanitary protocols, in order to prevent infection at airports and aircraft.

## 2. MEASURES ADOPTED

We are now facing the greatest challenge in the history of commercial civil aviation: to re-launch an industry that has ceased to operate in most States. In order to overcome this challenge, it is necessary to make many changes, innovate and recreate. This challenge requires that stakeholders work together. To this end:

2.1 A domestic code-sharing strategic alliance has been established: an agreement among operators to pool efforts in times of low demand, optimising operational capacities, reducing costs for the companies, while ensuring domestic connectivity.

2.2 Likewise, the General Directorate of Civil Aviation, in coordination with the Ministry of Health, has adopted a series of measures in compliance with the standards established by ICAO--through the International Health Regulations, as contained in Annex 9--, and by international organisations, and in accordance with civil aviation requirements and capabilities. The measures have given rise to the development of technical/sanitary contingency plans by airport and aircraft operators, ensuring the implementation of the **Sanitary Corridor** concept, which entails biosafety measures aimed at « clean» passengers, « clean» terminals, « clean» aircraft and crews. An output of the measures is the **Information Card**, a document that informs passengers on the conditions to be met in order to access airport facilities, airline check-in counters, security and border controls, through embarkation on the aircraft, maintaining the corresponding social distancing.

## 3. SUGGESTED ACTION

3.1 The Virtual Meeting of General Directors of Civil Aviation of the SAM States is invited to:

- a) take note of the information presented in this working paper; and
- b) review the best practices of Bolivia for the purpose of implementing similar measures in their States.

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