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AGREEMENT ON THE HEALTH CORRIDORS IN THE SAM REGION

(Presented by the Plurinational State of Bolivia)

SUMMARY

This working paper presents the importance that the States of the SAM Region adhere to the Memorandum of Understanding on the implementation of the Health Corridors for the economic reactivation of air transport, validating the biosecurity measures established in the Take-off Guidance

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Since aviation has almost come to a complete interruption due to the pandemic outbreak of COVID-19, ICAO considered that it is essential to find a way to restart the international aviation system, taking into account public health requirements, by developing a strategy known as the **Public Health Corridor** Concept. This strategy aims to ensure, to the extent possible, the use of "clean" crew, "clean" aircraft and "clean" airport facilities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 through air travel.

1.2 The South American Region, was not the exception of this situation, considering that to date we have achieved approximately a 30% reactivation of international air transport compared to the 2019 management (Pre COVID), for this reason we must join efforts in the reactivation of air transport recovering passenger reliability through the Public Health Corridor, showing a Region strengthened in its capabilities to implement biosecurity measures established by ICAO through the *"The Takeoff"* Guidance.

1.3 The Aeronautical Authorities should arrange with the Health Authorities, the achievement of a harmonized and coordinated work to guarantee the international biosecurity standards in air transport.

1.4 The Plurinational State of Bolivia has initiated a challenge to integrate several countries in establishing a MoU on Regional Health Corridors, this challenge could not reach a good conclusion without the support of the SAM Regional Office, and the integration of the countries. First of all, I welcome my counterparts from Peru, Colombia and Uruguay, who today are project designers of this first MoU, however, other countries must join us in this challenge that will allow our reactivation.

2. **SUGGESTED ACTION**

2.1 The Fifth Virtual Meeting of Civil Aviation Directors of the South American Region is invited to:

- a) take note of the information presented in this working paper;
- b) acknowledge the MoU; and
- c) invite all the countries of the SAM Region to join this multilateral agreement that will allow us to strengthen as a Region, ensuring the validation of biosecurity measures between countries on the standardization of biosecurity measures in the framework of the Take-Off Guidance.

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