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To: States, Territories and International Organizations

Subject: **ICAO Virtual Meeting for Ministers of Health, Tourism and Transportation and Civil Aviation Authorities Directors General on Aviation Recovery in the North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) States  
2 on-line sessions, 28 and 29 October 2020 11:30 AM CST (UTC-6)**

Action

Required: **Save the date and register by 21 October 2020**

Sir/Madam,

The human and economic tolls of the COVID-19 Pandemic on your States, and all our States, have negatively affected whole economies in unprecedented manners. It is evident that no State can resolve or re-establish their air transport/aviation for benefit of their tourism and economy without the neighbouring States also being part of such a solution. Our Region is heavily dependent on tourism for its economic growth. However, the States, through their Ministry of Health, are expected to ensure the health of their citizens and of the tourists and others arriving via their airports. ICAO understands that in Today's COVID-19 world, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Tourism and the Minister of Transport must meet at these crossroads to ensure the coordinated successful recovery of their economies and the assurance of the health of their citizens.

On behalf of the President of the Council of ICAO, Mr Salvatore Sciacchitano, the Secretary General, Dr. Fang Liu, and this Regional Office, I wish to invite you to the aforementioned virtual meeting to be held in two sessions, one on 28 October 2020 and the other on 29 October 2020 starting at 11:30 am Mexico time. The first session is planned to last two and a half hours through Zoom platform and will be a Ministerial level meeting, which could provide the impetus for real forward movement and positive change for ICAO to further support States in the effective implementation of measures during the recovery/restart of operations.

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The second session will last three hours through Zoom platform with the participation of the Directors General and their technical team to discuss implementation actions concerning the COVID-19. The goal would be that ICAO recommendations be seen as the example of correct measures and protocols that provide public/user confidence, while ensuring national recovery in a safe and secured manner for the benefit of the NACC member States, their citizens, and their economies.

The draft Agenda is enclosed, together with the invitation to be kindly forwarded to your Ministers for their timely participation. Documentation will be placed at the following webpage:

<https://icao.int/NACC/Pages/meetings-2020-DG4RDVConf.aspx>

The target audience is the Ministers with States responsibilities for Health, Transport, and Tourism, and with participation of their Directors General of Civil Aviation, the World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization, banking institutions, the European Aviation Safety Agency, and senior level aviation industry leaders. One Minister from each State (to be chosen by each State) will be provided an opportunity to deliver a brief (3-5 minutes) oral message, as well as their States written message to the other 40 countries (22 Member States and 19 Territories) of the region and other invited international representatives.

The meetings objectives are, in keeping with ICAO's mission, a) to provide Ministers (States) in the region a high level forum to address other Ministers and ICAO on the States actions during the COVID-19 pandemic; b) the role of ICAO in ensuring mitigation of public health impact of aviation for Member States; c) mitigation actions concerning health in air transport for opening of borders and ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), economic impact, restart and sustainable recovery of States aviation and tourism, and projected recovery scenarios; d) assistance available to States from ICAO, financial institutions and Non-Government Organizations; e) follow-up to the implementation of the ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Taskforce (CART) mitigation and recovery measures; and f) exchange of perspectives of the different aviation stakeholders on aviation recovery to face current challenges and share best practices.

It is important to note that all participants need a Zoom account as all sessions scheduled by ICAO are only for authenticated users. In order to confirm your participation at this meeting and obtain the Zoom connection information, please register at the following link **by 20 October 2020**:

<https://icao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYldumqqTsqGdIOCKEg2epVDBiRwfkPKYi7>

Once registered, Zoom will generate a unique connection link for the registered participant and he/she will receive a confirmation email from Zoom containing information about joining the meeting; **please note that the connection link is unique to the registered participant and cannot be shared with other users. Please ensure to save this message, as you will need it to connect to the event.**

On behalf of the President of the Council and the Secretary General accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of ICAO's highest consideration.

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***Enclosure: as indicated***

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**ICAO Virtual Meeting for Ministers of Health, Tourism and Transportation and Civil Aviation Authorities Directors General on Aviation Recovery in the North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) States**

**2 On line sessions on 28 and 29 October 2020**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**SESSION 1 (MINISTERIAL)**

Zoom Platform, 28 October 2020, 13:30 EDT

Opening remarks ICAO

- NACC Regional Office Director
- Secretary General
- President of the Council

- 1 ICAO CART recommendations and NACC Strategic Approach regarding the COVID-19 Outbreak.
2. COVID-19 –related aviation recovery/restart: High level commitment and coordination among all State CAAs
  - 2.1 Overview of main challenges and concerns
  - 2.2 Ministerial Discussion on the challenges/concerns regarding the implementation of CART’s recommendations and exchange of lessons learned and best practices
3. Minister`s and Senior State Representatives interventions on State support and actions for aviation recovery/restart in a sustainable manner under and post COVID-19 outbreak aviation restart/recovery/resilience activities

Session 1 conclusions

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## SESSION 2 (Directors General and Senior Leaders)

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Zoom Platform, 29 October 2020, 13:30 EDT

Opening remarks ICAO

- NACC Regional Office Director
- Secretary General

Briefing of Session 1

- 4 Status of implementation under the NACC Strategic Approach following the Global Implementation Roadmap (GIR) and the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC) System
  - 4.1 NACC Strategic Approach Activities supporting/assisting the implementation
  - 4.2 States implementation status under CRRIC
  - 4.3 Industry support on the implementation
  - 4.4 Operational measures taken to manage risks during the restart and recovery of air operations
5. Challenges and concerns on the implementation of the CART recommendations by States and aviation stakeholders
  - 5.1 Overview of main challenges and concerns
  - 5.2 Panel discussion of the CART implementation challenges/concerns- exchange of best practices and lessons learned
6. Financial sustainability of the civil aviation system under and post COVID-19 outbreak/aviation restart/recovery/resilience Activities

Closing remarks

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