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Agenda Item 1: Review of Air Navigation Services (ANS) Implementation in the Context of the COVID-19 Contingency and the Reestablishment of Air Operations in the CAR/SAM States

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES (ANS) IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COVID-19 CONTINGENCY AND THE RESTORATION OF AIR OPERATIONS IN THE CAR/ SAM STATES

(Presented by Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
<p>This paper presents a summary of the activities related to Air Navigation Services (ANS) in the context of the COVID-19 contingency and the reestablishment of air operations in the CAR / SAM States.</p>	
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency • Economic Development of Air Transport • Environmental Protection
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CART report and Take-off document

1. Introduction

1.1 After the declaration of the coronavirus disease outbreak (COVID-19), the Council on adopted on March 9, 2020, the establishment of an ICAO Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART), composed of representatives from States and by international, regional and industry organizations, with the assistance of the ICAO Secretariat.

1.2 As part of the work by this Task Force, a report was prepared and published, which includes 11 recommendations and an attached document with approximately 182 Public Sanitary Measures grouped into five modules.

1.3 Pursuant to these activities, the NACC and SAM regional offices worked on the preparation of strategic frameworks for the implementation of these and other measures in response to

COVID-19, ensuring alignment with global CART recommendations. The results of these works can be found in the websites dedicated to this subject of both offices at the following addresses:

- NACC: <https://www.icao.int/NACC/Pages/NACC-COVID19.aspx>
- SAM: <https://www.icao.int/SAM/COVID-19>

2. NACC activities

2.1 The NACC Office prepared a strategic framework in response to COVID-19 in conjunction with its Member States, which is available at the dedicated portal mentioned in the past item.

2.2 In the ATM context, NACC office initiatives include:

- Submitted a State letter with guidance for Notice to Airmen (NOTAMs) Information on Conditions of Air Navigation and Airport Services – 18 March 2020
- Submitted a State letter with Air Navigation Services (ANS) COVID-19 Recommendations; 19 March 2020
- Developed guidance material for ATS operation in a COVID-19 context – 1 June 2020
- Developed and carried out 4 webinars for Air Traffic Services Provision Guidance for Operation in a COVID-19 Context; first version 9 and 11 June 2020, and second (updated) version 9 and 10 July 2020
- ANI/WG SAR Implementation Task Force teleconferences to provide recommendations to address challenges for SAR Provision during COVID-19 Pandemics – 28 May, 23 July and 30 September 2020

2.3 Regarding NACC AGA / CAPSCA initiatives to address COVID-19, there are:

- Participate in the development of the AGA I-Pack to facilitate the CAAs to enable a safe and seamless resumption of aerodrome operations after a partial or full lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Five checklists covering topics on: Aerodrome infrastructure, Aerodrome Operations, Certification and Compliance, Coordination and Collaboration, Human Resource, Competency & Training
- The CAPSCA survey was sent electronically (6 October 2020) to states and international organizations for information on existing restrictions and procedures for relief and cargo flights, ensuring the development of guidance material to ensure minimal disruption of operations due to the implementation of health measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Information received by WHO from national authorities is sent weekly to CAPSCA focal points in the states.

- Support for the Webinar on Facilitation on Strengthening International and Inter-Agency Cooperation between Agencies (23 June 2020) organized by ICAO's medicine section.

3. SAM activities

Activities under the Strategic Framework

3.1 The first Virtual Meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation (RVDGAC) of the SAM Region concluded that a strategic working group would be established to work on the guidelines for a regional recovery strategy, which would include the collaborative effort between States, industry, regional organizations, SRVSOP, in close coordination with CAPSCA and other international organizations.

3.2 In accordance with these points, the SAM Regional Office prepared working sessions in conjunction with focal points assigned by the States, International Organizations and other interested parties, to prepare the guidelines for a regional recovery strategy.

3.3 As a result of these sessions, the Strategic Framework in Response to COVID-19 was published, as well as a series of activities to support States in a harmonized implementation of measures in response to the pandemic. These activities include activities directly related to Air Navigation, such as those listed below:

- Sanitary control protocol for the restart of aeronautical activities in the context of COVID-19
- Communications plan of the Strategic Framework
- Guidance material on the impact of COVID-19 on the airport's airside (movement area) processes
- Guidance material and compilation of the measures of the States regarding the extensions of licenses to aeronautical personnel
- Cargo Transport Optimization
- Guidance material on aviation safety risks when restarting operations

3.4 These and other activities were carried out in conjunction with a representative of the Strategic Group and the results thereof are available on the following website: <https://www.icao.int/SAM/SECURITY-FACILITATION/COVID-19/Pages/COVID19-SFProjects.aspx>

3.5 Other activities carried out in support of the States and the coordinated response, in the exclusive ANS area, include:

- Guidance material on impact in air side processes
- Advisory circular for health protection by Covid-19 for operational and support personnel in air navigation service providers

- Guidance material for risk analysis and management applicable to the periodicity for ground tests and flight of radio navigation aids
- Guidance material for risk analysis and management applicable to the extension of the validity of the ATC rating during COVID-19 - Air traffic controllers
- Guidance material for risk analysis and management applicable for the issuance of new ATC ratings during COVID-19 - Air traffic controllers
- AGA Checklist for COVID-19 response (air side)
- Advisory circular CA-AGA-153-012 - Guide for the management of the operational safety of new operations or changes in operations during the Covid-19 crisis
- A list of LAR AGA requirements regarding response to emergency situations

3.6 These products can be obtained from the COVID-19 project portal at <https://www.icao.int/SAM/SECURITY-FACILITATION/COVID-19/Pages/COVID19-SFProjects.aspx> and from the COVID-19 portal SRVSOP at <https://www.srvsop.aero/covid-19/>

Activities under the CRRIC - SAM

3.7 As part of the SAM Strategic Plan against COVID-19, several of the regional activities were aligned to support the adoption of the CART Recommendations and the Public Health Measures included in the document Take-Off, annexed to the CART. This allowed that in the SAM region 100% of the States reported adoption of the CART measures, achieving a very close alignment of the SAM Strategic Plan with the CART recommendations and the measures of the annexed “Take-off” document.

3.8 As part of the SAM regional recovery strategy, a communication plan was established that involved all the focal points of the SAM States responsible for reporting the adoption of the CART recommendations, which helped expedite the report on the adoption of the CART and the document take off.

3.9 With regard to public health risk measures, the SRVSOP has worked on the development of a regional health protocol that is 100% aligned with the Take-off document, harmonizing the adoption of public measures health risk have allowed the restart of international and domestic air transport in 85% of the States of the South American region in the month of October.

3.10 There is still important work to be done, mainly on the harmonization of the adoption of public health risk measures, especially those related to the cargo module, which will be essential in the stage of transporting the vaccines against COVID-19.