



ICAO-EU cooperate towards aviation's safe, secure, and sustainable recovery

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Montréal, 15 March 2022 – Recovery of the European and global air transport sectors, and increased collaboration towards the provision of assistance to States in all regions in support of the new *Policy on ICAO Implementation Support provided to States* approved by the ICAO Council last week, were among key topics reviewed during the ICAO/EU Memorandum of Cooperation Joint Committee meeting held at ICAO Headquarters on 10 March 2022.

Co-chaired by ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar and the European Commission Director General for Mobility and Transport, Henrik Hololei, the meeting was attended by the Permanent Representatives of EU Member States to ICAO, the Head of the EU office in Montréal and other ICAO, EU, and European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) officials.

The Committee adopted a new working arrangement aimed at supporting and promoting each other's activities in the area of accident and incident reporting in civil aviation. This specifically relates to the use of the European Co-ordination Centre for Accident and Incident Reporting Systems (ECCAIRS) tool for the implementation of Annex 13 — *Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation* reporting requirements by ICAO and Member States, along with other safety data requirements. The use of this common tool should greatly enhance the data connectivity needed to become more proactive in safety.

The European Union has provided significant expertise and resources to ICAO prior to, and during the pandemic, with its Member States notably offering important contributions to the ICAO Facilitation Panel's task forces on health issues outbreaks in aviation and on passenger name records. The EU experts' contributions to ICAO's cybersecurity work was also highly appreciated.

Committee members further underscored the importance of promoting cooperation in areas including the implementation of the ICAO Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), the deployment and financing of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), and the delivery of international cooperation and assistance projects.

These discussions highlighted the envisioned adoption of a long-term aspirational goal (LTAG) in Environment for the international aviation sector at the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly in September 2022, for which the upcoming LTAG Global Aviation Dialogues to be held from 28 March to 8 April 2022, and the ICAO High-level Meeting from 20 to 22 July 2022, will be particularly important in terms of building momentum.



ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar (right) and European Commission Director General for Mobility and Transport, Henrik Hololei, on the occasion of a joint committee meeting at ICAO Headquarters on 10 March 2022.

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A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created by governments in 1944 to support their diplomacy on international air transport matters. Since that time, countries have adopted over 12,000 standards and practices through ICAO which help to align their national regulations relevant to aviation safety, security, efficiency, capacity and environmental protection, enabling a truly global network to be realized. ICAO forums also provide opportunities for advice and advocacy to be shared with government decision-makers by industry groups, civil society NGOs, and other officially-recognized air transport stakeholders.

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