

Appendix C

IATA/ICAO/AFRAA/AFCAC/ACI/CANSO Aviation User Charges Workshop, Dakar, Senegal, 13 – 14 March 2023

Closing remarks

I would like to on behalf of the Regional Directors, express my appreciation for the results you have achieved during the two days of hard work in this premises and more importantly for the result you have achieved. The workshop which was jointly organized by ICAO, IATA, ICAO, AFRAA, AFCAC, ACI and CANSO is an annual gathering. The event had in attendance experts from regulators, airports, airlines, air navigation service providers, ground handling companies, fuel suppliers and other relevant stakeholders which are all build partnership in the process of consultations for establishment of aeronautical user charges.

I am aware of the discussions and deliberations you have had which are very much advising the way forward for the improvement of ICAO guidance on policies related to aeronautical user charges. I was briefed that all agenda items were covered, and it is my please to outline some outcomes of the workshop.

- **Charges were very well defined in accordance with the policies developed by ICAO**
- **Establishment of charges**
- **Factors leading to the revision of charges**
- **Practical guidance to States and industry**
- **Other levies of concern to users**
- **Update on aeronautical MET Charges and action in progress specific to user charges**
- **Aviation infrastructure development and cost recovery**
- **Unexpected financial challenges**
- **User charges in implementing SAATM regulatory texts and AFCAP**
- **Modernizing Global Policy Frameworks on Airport Charges**

Action by States : Ensure that Article 15 of the Convention is fully respected.

Prospective guidance

States to continue to develop and update, as required, guidance and tools on financing for the development and modernization of quality aviation infrastructure, including mechanisms to support operational improvements as described in the ASBU elements.

States to continue to assess the emerging funding and financing needs arising from the industry technology advancement, including investment in infrastructure to support the operation of unmanned aircraft systems.

ICAO to keep the *Guidance on Economic and Financial Measures to Mitigate the Impact of the Coronavirus Outbreak on Aviation* updated and promote its use to support the recovery of airports and air navigation services from the COVID-19 pandemic.

ICAO to conduct and support relevant follow-up work to implement the *Declaration and Framework for a Plan of Action for Development of Aviation Infrastructure in Africa* under existing arrangements,

especially under the ICAO Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan).

States to implement Assembly Resolution A41-27 to observe ICAO's policies on charges contained in Doc 9082, and to incorporate the four key charging principles of non-discrimination, cost-relatedness, transparency, and consultation with users into their national legislation, regulation or policies, to ensure compliance by airport operators and ANSPs.

These outcomes are for implementation in your respective administration and should constitute the foundation in the process of establishing charges. This means that no relevant stakeholder should be left behind. I am confident that you will observe the best practice in your different capacity.

I wish you safe journey back to your respective home and hope we will see each other at the next workshop on user charges that will likely take place next year.

I declare the workshop closed.