WEBINAR ON COUNCIL AVIATION RECOVERY TASK FORCE (CART)

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Outline

– Objective

– Briefing on the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART)

- Members of CART
- TOR - Tasks
- Activities and Meetings
- ICAO SL 2020/067, 8 June 2020
- CART Report Structure, Key Principles and Recommendations
- Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

– Public Health Corridor (PHC) Implementation Initiative

– Building resilience & Way forward

Objective

To provide a forum to discuss the CART and its "Take-Off" Guidance and the best way to implement the CART guidance in the MID Region in order to support Sates and industry for a safe, secure and sustainable restart and recovery of the aviation sector.

Members of CART

Representatives from **Member States**

> Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, France (CART Chairperson), Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, and Zambia

Representatives from **international and regional organizations**

> UNWTO, WHO, AUC, EU/EASA, ACAO, ECAC, and LACAC

Representative from **industry**

> ACI, CANSO, IATA, and ICCAIA

TOR - Tasks of CART

In accordance with the TOR approved by the Council during its 219th Session, CART was tasked to identify and recommend strategic priorities and policies to support States and industry based around three pillars:

a) coping with the challenges faced by States and the civil aviation industry due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the immediate term;

b) facilitating the restart of aviation operations in a safe, secure, sustainable and orderly manner as soon as practicable taking into consideration the evolution of the pandemic and decisions by international and national public health authorities; and

c) building a more resilient aviation system in the longer term.

CART held 5 meetings with 3 Drafting Groups

- **CART/1** (29 April): Presentations by industry organizations, WHO and UNWTO; and establishment of 3 Drafting Groups (DGs)

- **CART/2** (5 May): Review of work by DGs; and presentation by Secretariat on draft recovery plan outline and PHCC

- **CART/3** (12 May): Finalization of work by DG 1; and review of work by DGs 2 & 3

- **CART/4** (19 May): Finalization of work by DGs 2 & 3

- **CART/5** (26 May): Review and finalization of CART report; and its communication/outreach

DG 1 (Rapporteur - Costa Rica): Key principles

DG 2 (Rapporteur - IATA): Key measures needed for recovery

DG 3: (Rapporteur - Colombia): Report template

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The Council at its 220th Session adopted CART Report and its annexed guidance document Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

States to:

– note the CART Report and guidance document

– implement recommendations set out in the Report in coordination with ICAO Regional Office

– are strongly encouraged to follow the key principles and recommendations outlined in the Report

– pay particular attention to the set of recommended risk mitigation measures presented in the guidance doc

The guidelines will facilitate mutual recognition and harmonization of aviation COVID-19 related measures across the globe in line with ICAO's standards, plans and policies

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- **Setting the Scene**

- **Key Principles**

  – 10 key principles + risk-based and gradual approach

- **A Flightplan for International Civil Aviation Restart and Recovery**

  – Measures related to aviation safety, aviation public health, security and facilitation, as well as economic and financial measures

  – Regular monitoring and sharing of experiences through ICAO

  – 11 recommendations

- **Building Resilience**

- **Way Forward**

10 Key Principles

1. **Protect People: Harmonized but Flexible Measures**
2. **Work as One Aviation Team and Show Solidarity**
3. **Ensure Essential Connectivity**
4. **Actively Manage Safety-, Security- and Health-related Risks**
5. **Make Aviation Public Health Measures Work with Aviation Safety and Security Systems**
6. **Strengthen Public Confidence**
7. **Distinguish Restart from Recovery**
8. **Support Financial Relief Strategies to Help the Aviation Industry**
9. **Ensure Sustainability**
10. **Learn Lessons to Improve Resilience**

CART Recommendations

Aviation safety-related measures

Recommendation 1: During the global COVID-19 outbreak, Member States should continue updating COVID-19 Contingency Related Differences (CCRDs) in the Electronic Filing of Differences (EFOD) subsystem.

Recommendation 2: Member States should avoid retaining any COVID-19 related alleviation measures as soon as normal operations are resumed. Differences that remain after the contingency if any should be filed in the EFOD system.

Recommendation 3: Member States should expedite the development of guidance for safety management of new operations or operation change during this crisis.

Aviation public health-related measures

Recommendation 4: Global and regional harmonization of procedures is essential to strengthen public and passenger confidence in air travel. To that end, Member States should establish aviation public health procedures aligned with the guidance in the Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis.

Recommendation 5: In order to support the fastest possible return to normal aviation operations, Member States should regularly review the necessity of continuing the application of risk mitigation measures as the risk of COVID-19 transmission diminishes; and measures which are no longer needed should be discontinued.

Security- and facilitation-related measures

Recommendation 6: Member States that have not done so should immediately establish a National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (or equivalent) as required by Annex 9 to increase national level cross-sectoral coordination.

Recommendation 7: Member States should systematically use a Passenger Health Locator Form to ensure identification and traceability of passengers to help limit the spread of the disease and resurgence of the pandemic.

Recommendation 8: While temporarily adapting their security-related measures, using the guidance provided, Member States should strengthen their oversight system to ensure these measures are consistently applied with the objective of protecting aviation against acts of unlawful interference.

Recommendation 9: Member States should take measures to ensure that relevant personnel are provided training to identify and manage unruly passenger situations related to non-respect of essential aviation public health and safety measures.

Economic and financial measures

Recommendation 10: Member States should consider appropriate extraordinary emergency measures to support financial viability and to maintain an adequate level of safe, secure and efficient operations, which should be inclusive, targeted, proportionate, transparent, temporary and consistent with ICAO's policies, while striking an appropriate balance among the respective interests without prejudice to fair competition and compromising safety, security and environmental performance.

Regular monitoring and sharing of experiences through ICAO

Recommendation 11: Member States should facilitate information-sharing and exchange on their actions and best practices by contributing to an ICAO database of measures.

Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

- Public health risk mitigation measures
  - Generally applicable risk mitigation measures
  - Risk mitigation measures applicable in specific modules

- 4 Modules
  - Airports
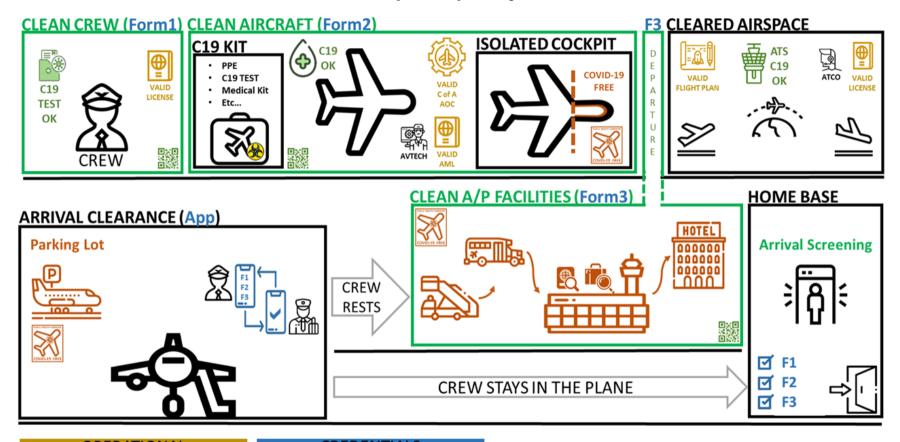 - Aircraft
  - Crew
  - Cargo

- Forms and posters
  - Crew COVID-19 status card (PHC Form 1)
  - Aircraft COVID-19 disinfection control sheet (PHC Form 2)
  - Airport COVID-19 cleaning / disinfection control sheet (PHC Form 3)
  - Posters in staff rest areas

Outreach

Recognizing the time pressure, all means and channels appropriate for the promotion and dissemination of this document need to be deployed to address the urgent need for a harmonized guidance across the civil aviation sector.

Communication expertise and network of ICAO's partners can be considered for such promotion.

Public Health Corridor (PHC) Implementation Initiative

PHC Implementation Initiative

- Ensure continued flight operations with minimal restrictions on aircraft operations

- Prevent the spread of COVID-19 through air travel

- Protect the health and safety of crew and passengers

- Coordinated approach with harmonized procedures and requirements

  - ✓ CART Report

  - ✓ CART Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

  - ✓ CAPSCA COVID-19 Guidance material: Flight crew & Essential Cargo Operations

  - ✓ Regulatory certainty COVID-19 Contingency Related Differences (CCRD)

  - ✓ Quick Reference Guides (QRGs)

Building resilience & Way forward

Building resilience

- High-level commitments
- International obligations
- Clear communication
- Support to States and regional communities
- Lessons learned

Way forward

- Flexible, progressive approach
- Diligent and consistent follow-up
- Monitor and assess the situation
- Closer and continuous collaboration

THANK YOU

CART Report: www.icao.int/covid/cart