



**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION**

**COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
EVENTS IN CIVIL AVIATION  
(CAPSCA)**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**NINTH MEETING OF THE JOINT CAPSCA EUR/NAT  
AND MID REGIONAL OFFICES (CAPSCA EUR/MID/9)**

*(Virtual Meeting, 7 - 9 December 2021)*

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### **Attachment A**

List of Participants

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## **1. PLACE AND DURATION**

1.1 The Ninth meeting of the Joint Europe and North Atlantic and Middle East Regional Office of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA EUR/MID/9) was held virtually on 7 - 9 December 2021 from 11:00 to 13:00 UTC.

## **2. OPENING**

2.1 The meeting was opened by Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar , the Secretary General of ICAO, Mr. Elkhan Nahmadov, the Deputy Regional Director and Mr. Mohamed Smaoui, the Acting ICAO MID Regional Director.

## **3. ATTENDANCE**

3.1 The meeting was attended by a total of one hundred and sixty (160) participants from forty nine (49) States and twelve (12) International Organizations/Industries. The list of participants is at **Attachment A**.

## **4. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT**

4.1 The meeting was chaired by Mr. Johan SKJAL, the Chief Adviser Finnish Transport and Communications Agency Traficom and CAPSCA EUR Chairperson, along with Dr. Khalil M. Khalil, the CAPSCA-MID Chairman and the Head of Aviation Medicine, Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC), Jordan.

4.2 Dr. Johanna Jordaan (Ansa), Chief, Aviation Medicine Section, ICAO HQ and the CAPSCA Programme Manager and Mrs. Caroll Rojas, Project Manager, Aviation Medicine Section supported the meeting.

4.3 Mr. Sarantis POULIMENAKOS, the Regional Officer for Air Navigation Services and the CAPSCA EUR Regional Coordinator, along with Mr. Mohamed Iheb Hamdi, the Regional Officer for Aerodromes and Ground Aids and the CAPSCA MID Regional Coordinator ICAO MID Office acted as the Secretaries of the meeting.

## **5. AGENDA/PROGRAMME AND DOCUMENTATION**

5.1 The Agenda/Programme of the Meeting, included mainly:

- Impact of COVID-19 on Aviation and State Recovery Plans;
- State Priorities and challenges to reach full recovery;
- What is next (Lessons learnt) to improve/enhance:
  - National Preparedness and Response Plans;
  - the Contribution of Aviation Partners and Integration of Public Health Measure in the States Aviation Systems;
- iPack on Public Health Corridor (PHC); and
- International Organizations and CAPSCA Global partners' updates on Public Health Management.

5.2 The meeting's documentation and presentations are available on the ICAO MID website: <https://www.icao.int/MID/Pages/2021/CAPSCA%20EUR-MID9.aspx>

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## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

### Global Developments

6.1 The meeting encouraged States to implement the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) III Recommendations and guidance included in the Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis Fourth Edition (TOGD) and the ICAO Manual on COVID-19 Cross-border Risk Management (Doc 10152) available at: <https://www.icao.int/covid/cart/Pages/default.aspx>

6.2 The meeting encouraged States to continuously update their status of implementation of the CART recommendations and guidance on the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC).

### CAPSCA Programme

6.3 The meeting reiterated that States should foster the capacity building of the CAA personnel dealing with Public Health Management and CAPSCA Outcomes in order to support CAPSCA Programme. The meeting encouraged States to request the conduct of CAPSCA Assistance Visits to assist them with recommendations pertaining to the implementation of their public health preparedness and response plans to build resilience in the civil aviation sector. The meeting encouraged States, receiving CAPSCA Assistance Visit for their International Airports, to share their experience (report, identified gaps, corrective action plans, lessons learned, etc.) with other States.

6.4 The meeting noted the importance of collaborative operations and encouraged joint collaboration on performing technical assessment visits to Aerodromes for CAPSCA Member States in collaboration with public health stakeholders (WHO) and in alignment with the provisions outlined within the relevant ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005). The meeting emphasised the importance of the synergy of the technical assistance and other supportive activities amongst agencies

6.5 The meeting encouraged States to deploy the Implementation Package on Public Health Corridors (PHCs iPack) to restore international travel and build capacity through the implementation of Public Health Corridors by supporting Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) in sharing information, applying mutually accepted public health measures and concluding bilateral or multilateral agreements.

### Risk Assessment

6.6 The meeting agreed that States should adopt a risk assessment approach in relation to travel measures. The adjustment of public health measures should be based on a thorough risk assessment that is conducted systematically and regularly. Factors for consideration should as a minimum include detailed information on departure and arrival States' local transmission indicators, health services capacities, and public health and social measures recommended in the States. WHO encouraged national authorities to proactively and transparently share up-to-date data on incidence, public health and health services capacity, and public health and social measures in relation to travel.

### COVID-19 Testing

6.7 Referring to WHO guidelines, the meeting noted that depending on the intensity of transmission, the number of cases and laboratory testing and surge capacity, it may be necessary to prioritize who gets tested according to health objectives. WHO has outlined critical priority actions for preparedness, readiness, and response actions for COVID-19 and has defined four transmission scenarios:

- Countries with no cases (No Cases);
- Countries with 1 or more cases, imported or locally detected (Sporadic Cases);
- Countries experiencing clusters of cases related in time, geographic location, or common exposure (Clusters of cases);
- Countries experiencing larger outbreaks or sustained and pervasive local transmission (Community transmission).

6.8 The meeting was informed about the WHO travel advice for international traffic in relation to the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant (B.1.1.529), which available at <https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/who-advice-for-international-traffic-in-relation-to-the-sars-cov-2-omicron-variant> .

#### **Aviation and Disaster Risk Reduction:**

6.9 The meeting agreed that more effort should be done for better alignment of national aviation plans in CAPSCA Member States concerning public health risk with other relevant emergency and disaster risk reduction plans under the aegis of the Sendai Framework.

### **7. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME**

7.1 The meeting noted that States may ask for a CAPSCA Assistance visit in 2022. It was underlined that this has to be closely coordinated with the CAPSCA Project Manager and CAPSCA-MID Chairman through the ICAO MID Regional Office, pending the Pandemic impact on organizing on site activities.

7.2 The meeting highlighted that next Regional CAPSCA meeting (CAPSCA-MID/10) will be tentatively held in Bahrain during the Q4 of 2020, subject to confirmation by Bahrain and the ICAO MID Regional Office; and coordination with adjacent Regions (notably EUR/NAT), for the conduct of an inter-regional CAPSCA meeting.

#### **Encouraging Inter-Regional Exchange:**

7.3 The joint CAPSCA EUR/MID meeting served as a novel platform to discuss common issues and approaches and generate a body of practice. Future meetings should explore this Regional exchange as well as the possibility of organizing cross- Regional activities and assessments.

### **8. CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

8.1 The meeting agreed on the organization of:

- joint CAPSCA meetings with adjacent Regions as far as possible, and
- a Workshop on Aviation Medicine (previously planned) back-to-back with the upcoming CAPSCA-MID/10 meeting.

8.2 The meeting urged the 71 EUR/MID States to support CAPSCA strengthening in the coming A-41 through coordinated Working papers. The meeting encouraged the EUR states who are not yet CAPSCA members to be approached individually and requested to become members.

8.3 Mr. Sarantis Poulimenakos and Mr. Mohamed Iheb Hamdi, thanked, on behalf of ICAO, all participants contributing to the success of the CAPSCA EUR-MID/9 virtual meeting. They expressed

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their gratitude to all participants from States, Regional and International Organizations/Industries for their valuable assistance, as well for sharing their experiences and best practices.

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**CAPSCA EUR/MID/9 VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**(7 -9 December 2021 from 11:00 to 13:00 UTC)**

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*6 December 2021*

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