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## VERY URGENT

To: States and Territories

Subject: North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Directors of Civil Aviation COVID-19 Videoconference Zoom Meeting, 24 April 2020

Action Required:

Confirm your participation

Sir/Madam,

Despite the implementation of several means to ensure the exchange of ideas and actions among the Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs) of States and Territories, the industry and the service providers, a closer more effective communication seems to be required to ensure every State and Territory is considered and no one is left behind in this common need for support and joint work among all States and all stakeholders of civil aviation.

The ICAO NACC Regional Office is very well aware that the Civil Aviation Authorities of our States and Territories, service providers and other aviation entities are facing different challenges depending on where their State or Territory is with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, in spite of differences no one in the NAM/CAR Regions has been spared of the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This considered, we wish to have a videoconference to inform you of ICAO's position, available guidance and other matters such as:

- 1. COVID-19 situation in the NAM/CAR Regions;
- 2. Granting of exemptions and extensions;
- 3. Latest economic impact data;
- 4. Conversion of aircraft passenger to cargo or mixed configuration;
- 5. Operational and travel restrictions;
- 6. Upcoming Hurricane Season and other contingency needs;
- 7. Economic assistance available to our States (Regional Public Goods);
- Recovery plans (short, medium and long term) ICAO Concept draft working paper;

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- 9. States inputs and updates
  - a. What do you need from ICAO?
  - b. What are we not doing that we need to be doing?
  - c. What are your State or Territory needs?
  - d. What do you see as our Regional needs?
- ICAO NACC Regional Office proposes a Director General/Ministerial meeting in support of Civil Aviation Authorities and State Air Transport System;
- 11. ICAO NACC Regional Office actions in support of States and Territories.

We hope that you will be able to participate at the Director General or decision-making representative level and you are welcome to include whomever you consider pertinent to the discussion as proposed above. We consider that this meeting is tremendously important to ensure a harmonized and mutually beneficial approach to strengthening our individual and collective strategies to confronting the challenges of this current crisis. This videoconference is planned to be held on **24 April 2020** from 10:00 to 12:30 hours CDT (15:00 hrs. UTC). The connection link is as follows<sup>1</sup>:

5.1.2h D@icao.int is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting by clicking 5.1.2h Meeting ID: 5.1.2h

While we prepare for this upcoming videoconference, and in order to accomplish its objectives, I recommend your Administration to visit, check and use the following ICAO websites on COVID-19 matters, which are being updated by ICAO on a frequent basis:

CAPSCA Coronavirus COVID-19 Website – this site includes information and websites curated by the ICAO Chief, Aviation Medicine and published by the following entities: ICAO, WHO, ACI, CDC, EASA, Eurocontrol, European Commission, Health Programme of the European Union, Flight Safety Foundation, IATA, ICRH, IFALPA, International SOS, OCHA, United Nations, UNWTO as well as the Civil Aviation Authorities of Canada, China, Israel, United States and Uruguay, among others. http://www.capsca.org/CoronaVirusRefs.html

Aviation and COVID-19 – this site is managed by the ICAO Facilitation Section and concentrates all the available information published by ICAO and it also contains a Q&A Section for States, Air Transport Operators and the General Public

https://www.icao.int/Security/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx

**COVID-19 Safety Operational Measures** – this site is managed by the ICAO Aviation Safety Section and provides guidance for States to be flexible in their approaches while at the same time adhering to their obligations under the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Doc 7300, Chicago Convention). https://www.icao.int/safety/COVID-19OPS/Pages/default.aspx

**Global COVID-19 Airport Status** – This web-based app displays COVID-19 related information per State as available through the NOTAM service.

https://www.icao.int/safety/Pages/COVID-19-Airport-Status.aspx

Listing of Postponed Events coordinated by the ICAO NACC Regional Office

https://www.icao.int/NACC/Documents/2020-PostponedEventsEventosPostergadosCOVID19.pdf

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> You will also be sent a calendar event with the connection information link on a separate message.

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Please confirm your participation to 5.1.2h @icao.int, as soon as possible.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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