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Subject: State support for the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA) programme

Action Required: a) nomination by States and international organizations of medical focal point for CAPSCA; and b) completion of CAPSCA survey

Sir/Madam,

1. The Second High-level Safety Conference 2015 (HLSC 2015) was held at ICAO Headquarters from 2 to 5 February 2015. During the conference, matters related to public health were addressed as an emerging safety issue. The conference approved fifty-seven recommendations to be acted upon by all involved which can be found in the *Montréal Declaration on Planning for Aviation Safety Improvement* published in the *Second High-level Safety Conference 2015 Report* (Doc 10046).

2. The recommendations adopted by the HLSC 2015 related to public health were: a) ICAO should sustain the CAPSCA programme to assist States to prepare for and respond rapidly to any new public health event; b) States should engage in supporting the CAPSCA programme and contribute to it financially and/or in kind; and c) States should, where feasible, utilize expertise in the medical department of their regulatory authority, in addition to other public health experts, to improve public health event management and response in the aviation sector.

3. ICAO was directed to report on progress related to these issues to the 39th Session of the Assembly. ICAO addressed sustaining the CAPSCA programme by fostering a closer working relationship with the World Health Organization (WHO) and establishing a CAPSCA training group with the objectives of building capacity and sharing resources. Another new initiative that was introduced by ICAO to assist States with responding to the recent Zika virus outbreak was the implementation of a vector control register on the ICAO public website (<http://www.icao.int/crr/Pages/Airport-Vector-Control-Register.aspx>).

4. In order to support States further, the ICAO Secretariat is conducting a gap analysis and is looking for information from States regarding the areas in which support is needed. To assist with this process a CAPSCA Questionnaire has been developed which is available on the secure portal at: <https://portal.icao.int/surveys>. States are requested to complete the survey by 30 September 2016. Alternatively, the attached questionnaire may be completed and submitted to med@icao.int. The information will be utilised in the development of the CAPSCA strategic plan and operational plan for 2017 to 2019.

5. Based on the recommendation from the HLSC 2015 and to facilitate engagement, States and international organizations are requested to nominate a focal point for CAPSCA-related matters within their State or organization. Nominations should be forwarded to med@icao.int by 30 September 2016.

6. Funding of the CAPSCA programme is essential for sustainability. To date funding for CAPSCA activities has been provided by United Nations grants and voluntary as well as in-kind contributions from States and organizations. However, the main grant that has sustained the CAPSCA programme is expiring at the end of 2016. ICAO is appealing to States and organizations to support the CAPSCA programme and contribute to it financially through ICAO's voluntary Safety Fund (SAFE) earmarked for CAPSCA. More information about SAFE is available on the ICAO website (<http://www.icao.int/safety/scan/Pages/Safety-Fund-SAFE.aspx>).

7. Apart from financial assistance, States and organizations are also encouraged to provide support by contributing in kind by making available resources and personnel to assist with the implementation of CAPSCA objectives.

8. Additional information about CAPSCA can be obtained from the website (www.capsca.org) or by contacting med@icao.int.

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




Fang Liu
Secretary General

Enclosure:

Questionnaire on CAPSCA

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

State/International Organization: _____

Please provide your response to the questions by 30 September 2016 to assist the ICAO Secretariat with the review of the CAPSCA strategic and operational plans in order to assist States with preparedness planning and response to public health emergencies.

Completion of this survey online at <https://portal.icao.int/surveys> is preferred, alternatively this hard copy can be used if necessary.

Question 1

Is your State or organization a member of CAPSCA? YES or NO

Question 2

If not, what would you consider to be the two main reasons preventing your State or organization from becoming a member of CAPSCA?

Question 3

Does your State or organization participate in any of the following CAPSCA activities?

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|-----|--|------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| 3.1 | CAPSCA assistance visits to States | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | or | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.2 | Attending regional CAPSCA meetings/conferences | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | or | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.3 | Attending global CAPSCA meetings/conferences | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | or | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.4 | Training of personnel to become technical advisors to CAPSCA | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | or | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.5 | Contributing financially to the voluntary Safety Fund (CAPSCA) | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | or | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.6 | Contributing other services and resources (in kind) to CAPSCA | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | or | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

Question 4

If not, please provide the main reasons why you are not participating and provide suggestions as to how ICAO could assist your State or organization to participate in such activities.

Question 5

Which section/department in your aviation regulatory authority or organization is responsible for implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) and aviation-related public health Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)?

Question 6

Which of the following medical experts does your State utilize to improve public health-event management and response in the aviation sector?

- 6.1 Experts within the Aviation Regulatory Authority
- 6.2 Experts within the State National Department of Health
- 6.3 Other public health experts

Question 7

Who are your key partners in the preparedness planning for management of public health-related emergencies? Please provide detailed information whenever possible.

- 7.1 National and International agencies e.g. WHO, CDC, NGO's, regional or inter-governmental agencies
- 7.2 National State departments
- 7.3 Aviation and other transport stakeholders
- 7.4 Medical entities and organizations

- 7.5 Other, e.g. universities, training organizations, commercial business organizations, research institutions, media companies etc.

Details:

Question 8

Which of the following measures has your State or organization implemented (with specific reference to prevention of the spread of communicable diseases by air and management of the effects of other public health events on the functioning of the aviation sector, e.g. chemical emergencies, radiation, etc.?)

- 8.1 National aviation plan
- 8.2 Air traffic services contingency planning
- 8.3 Air operator procedures for the crew to evaluate a traveler with a suspected communicable disease and to report it to air traffic control
- 8.4 Aerodrome emergency plans
- 8.5 Procedures for the safe transport of material that could potentially have an effect on the health of personnel working in the aviation sector
- 8.6 Training of key stakeholders
- 8.7 Inter-sectoral and multi-sectoral coordination, collaboration cooperation and communication
- 8.8 Participation in public health emergency exercises
- 8.9 Health promotion information and/or implementation of preventative initiatives for aviation crew e.g. vaccination services

Question 9

Please indicate the areas in which you would like to receive support from ICAO and CAPSCA partners to improve your preparedness planning and response to public health emergencies.

Question 10

Please provide any other comments you may have concerning how ICAO can facilitate the effective implementation of the IHR and health-related SARPs to improve preparedness planning and response to public health emergencies.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

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