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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE

DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION - EUR/NAT REGIONS

2017 MEETING (EURNAT-DGCA/2017)

(Paris, France, 5 May 2017)

0.   Introduction

0.1   The first (2017) Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the ICAO European and North Atlantic Regions (EURNAT-DGCA/2017) was convened in the European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Office of ICAO in Paris, France, on 5 May 2017.

0.2   This Inaugural Meeting was organised following the agreement reached at the Seventieth Anniversary Celebrations of the ICAO European and North Atlantic Office (Paris, 7 July 2016) whereby a new working method would be established in order for Directors General of Civil Aviation from the EUR/NAT Regions to verify whether the strategic institutional inputs given at a State level were being adequately responded to and acted upon by the technical and operational working groups.

0.3   The meeting was attended by eighty-four (84) participants from 42 States and 11 international organizations. The Chairmen of the European Air Navigation Planning Group (EANPG) and the North Atlantic Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG) were also in attendance. The lists of participants are in **Appendix A**.

0.4   Mr. Luis Fonseca De Almeida, ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Director acted as the Secretary of the Meeting, assisted by Mr. George Firican, Deputy Regional Director as well as the Technical Team, comprised of all Technical Regional Officers and Assistants from the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office.

0.5   The proceedings were conducted in English, French and Russian and the meeting documentation was issued in English. Simultaneous interpretation services were provided.

1.   Opening Remarks

1.1   The EURNAT-DGCA/2017 Meeting was opened by the Regional Director of the ICAO EUR/NAT Office, Mr. Luis Fonseca De Almeida. He expressed his belief that the new opportunity of the EURNAT-DGCA meetings would make the global civil aviation system stronger and more successful at the State and regional levels.

1.2   The EURNAT-DGCA/2017 Meeting was warmly welcomed by the Secretary General of ICAO, Dr. Fang Liu. She expressed ICAO's gratitude to the host State, France for its generous and long-standing support to the ICAO EUR/NAT Office. Dr. Liu stated that the DGCA meetings enabled the coordination of activities in order to achieve pertinent efficiencies of scale while avoiding duplication of effort. In urging States to continue their support of the ICAO Paris Office's Work Programme for the current triennium which was based on the ICAO 39th Assembly's agreements to ensure a harmonized and coordinated regional implementation of ICAO Global Plans, she underlined the historical leadership of the European and North Atlantic Regions in making innovations in civil aviation. The full text of the ICAO Secretary General's welcome address is at **Appendix C**.

2.   Introduction of Chairman and Approval of the Agenda

Introduction of Chairman

2.1   The Meeting noted that pending the agreement of administrative and managerial aspects of the convening future EURNAT-DGCA meetings, Mr Patrick Gandil, Director General of Civil Aviation of France, as representative of the host country of the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office, had been invited to chair the inaugural meeting.

2.2   Mr. Patrick Gandil was confirmed as Chairman and he chaired the rest of the proceedings. In his opening remarks, Mr. Gandil recognised the very first participation of Andorra at an ICAO EUR/NAT meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

2.3   At its opening session, the EURNAT-DGCA/2017 adopted the following agenda:

Agenda Item 1:   Opening Remarks

Agenda Item 2:   Approval of the Agenda

Agenda Item 3:   Overview of ICAO EUR/NAT Office

Agenda Item 4:   Update on ICAO developments

Agenda Item 5:   ICAO Business Plan 2017-2019 and EUR/NAT Operating Plan: Priorities for the ICAO EUR/NAT Regions

Agenda Item 5.1   Overview of ICAO Business Plan 2017-2019 and EUR/NAT Operating Plan

Agenda Item 5.2   ICAO EUR/NAT Work Programme 2017-2019

    i)   Aviation Safety and Air Navigation: A39-12 ICAO global planning for safety and air navigation:

        a.   EUR/NAT Air Navigation implementation and safety Status and Issues. EANPG and NAT SPG major objectives;

        b.   EUR/NAT Aviation Safety Status and issues. RASG-EUR major objectives;

        c.   Crisis coordination arrangements and contingency plans in the EUR and NAT Regions, ICAO Cooperative Arrangements for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA) Project;

    ii)   Aviation Security/Facilitation: UN Security Council resolutions 2309 (2016) on Aviation Security and the role of ICAO and UN Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014) on Foreign Terrorist Fighters; A39-18 *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to aviation security*; A39-19 Cybersecurity Declaration; A39-20 *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to facilitation*:

        a.   EUR/NAT AVSEC Group (ENAVSECG), regional workshops and seminars on AVSEC and FAL matters to implement the assembly resolutions and support the implementation of UN Council Resolutions;

    iii)   Environmental Protection: A39-1 *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection – General provisions, noise and local air quality*; A39-2 *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection – Climate change*; A39-3 *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection – Global Market-based Measure (MBM) Scheme*:

        a.   EUR/NAT environmental work programme and projects;

iv) NCLB/Technical Assistance/Technical Cooperation: A39-14 Regional cooperation and assistance to resolve safety deficiencies: EUR NCLB Programme and projects; A39-16 *Consolidated statement of ICAO policies on technical cooperation and assistance*; A39-17 ICAO Programme for Aviation Volunteers (IPAV); A39-23 *No Country Left Behind* (NCLB) Initiative; A39-26 Resource mobilization:

a. EUR/NAT NCLB work programme and projects;

Agenda Item 5.3   Priorities for the ICAO EUR/NAT Region

Agenda Item 6:   Future meetings and Administrative Issues

Agenda Item 7:   Any other business

2.4   The list of documentation reviewed by the Meeting is in **Appendix B**.

3.   Overview of ICAO EUR/NAT Office

3.1   The EURNAT-DGCA/2017 Meeting received an overview of the ICAO EUR/NAT Office's environment, working structure and role in the regional civil aviation system.

4.   Update on ICAO developments

4.1   A high-level overview of the latest ICAO developments and status of civil aviation related to the main global and regional trends and challenges as well as future events was provided. The presentation included the proposed Global Strategy and Action Plan for the improvement of Regional Safety Oversight Organization (RSOOs) and the possible establishment of a Global System for the Provision of Safety Oversight, a concept which was welcomed by the Meeting.

4.2   A brief update on an action agreed by the ECAC DGCA meeting which took place on 4 May 2017 concerning the laptop ban by the United States was also provided.

4.3   The representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina expressed their appreciation for the work of the EUR/NAT Office in the building of their State civil aviation system and emphasized the need for the conduct of such EURNAT-DGCA meetings.

4.4   The Director General of Finland expressed his satisfaction that the EUR/NAT Office Work Programme addressed aviation safety as a priority.

5.   ICAO Business Plan 2017-2019 and EUR/NAT Operating Plan: Priorities for the ICAO EUR/NAT Regions

ICAO Business Plan 2017-2019 and EUR/NAT Operating Plan

5.1   A top-down view on the ICAO Business Plan for the current triennium as approved by the 39th Assembly and its link to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals was presented.

5.2   The EURNAT-DGCA/2017 noted the approved ICAO EUR/NAT Operating Plan 2017, based on the ICAO Business plan, which formed the basis of the EUR/NAT Work Programme for the 2017-2019 triennium.

6.   ICAO EUR/NAT Work Programme 2017-2019

Air Navigation and Aviation Safety

ICAO EUR list of air navigation deficiencies

6.1   The Meeting was provided with a briefing on the work of the EANPG and the ICAO EUR list of air navigation deficiencies. The following EURNAT-DGCA Conclusion was agreed:

EURNAT-DGCA Conclusion 2017/1 –   ICAO EUR list of air navigation deficiencies

> That EURNAT-DGCA:
>
> a)   confirm the need to address, as a matter of priority, the air navigation deficiencies identified by EANPG;
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> b)   urge States to allocate necessary resources to resolve the identified deficiencies by developing and implementing immediate corrective actions and plans;
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> c)   for similar air navigation deficiencies affecting several States:
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> > i)   invite States concerned to work in close cooperation with the EUR/NAT Office of ICAO and other partners to develop, within the framework of the ICAO EUR/NAT NCLB programme, a prioritised action plan to address them; and
> >
> > ii) invite States to share their best practices in order to support other States in the EUR Region in the resolution of identified air navigation deficiencies; and
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> d)   report progress to the next EURNAT-DGCA meeting.

ICAO EUR Performance Framework

6.2   The Meeting was provided with a briefing on the ICAO EUR Performance Framework. The following EURNAT-DGCA Statement was agreed:

EURNAT-DGCA Statement 2017/1 –   Implementation of the ICAO EUR Region Performance Framework

> That in order to ensure comprehensive and mature regional performance reports, the EURNAT-DGCA commit to allocating the necessary resources required to actively participate in the regional performance framework and provide the necessary data in accordance with the EUR Region Performance Framework Document (EUR Doc 030) provisions.

Data provision to Regional Monitoring Agencies

6.3   The EANPG Chairman underlined the need for States' active support to the work of the European Regional Monitoring Agencies (EUR RMA and EURASIA RMA) in analysing the level of safety of operations in the EUR Region. He invited the Directors General to ensure that their States provided data related to vertical separation to the EUR RMA and EURASIA RMA. The following EURNAT-DGCA Conclusion was agreed:

EURNAT-DGCA Conclusion 2017/4 –   Data provision to Regional Monitoring Agencies

That, in order to enable a reliable analysis of the level of safety of operations in the ICAO European Region, the EURNAT-DGCA ensure that their States provide data related to vertical separation to the Regional Monitoring Agencies (EUR RMA and EURASIA RMA).

Baltic Sea Project Team and the Ad-hoc Civil Military Expert Group

6.4   The meeting noted with appreciation the information provided concerning the work of the Baltic Sea Project Team and the Ad-hoc Civil Military Expert Group.

6.5   It was noted that the outcomes of this work is highly beneficial for all States in the EUR/NAT Regions, in particular with regard to State aircraft operations over the High Seas.

6.6   In this respect, a brief update on the work at ICAO Headquarters to develop a new civil-military cooperation manual, which will include the regional guidance material, was also provided.

EUR/NAT Aviation Safety Status and Issues

6.7   The Meeting was provided with a briefing on the work of the RASG-EUR. The following EURNAT-DGCA Conclusion was agreed:

EURNAT-DGCA Statement 2017/2 –   Support of the RASG-EUR activities

That the EURNAT-DGCA:

a)   confirm the priority safety areas identified by RASG-EUR;

b)   commit to supporting safety-related activities by allocating necessary resources required in the work of RASG-EUR and its contributory bodies;

c)   commit to supporting the implementation of RASG-EUR safety enhancement initiatives (SEI), as required, at the national level; and

d)   agree to sharing their best practices in order to support other States in the EUR Region in the implementation of GASP and RASG-EUR priorities and objectives.

Crisis coordination arrangements and contingency plans in the EUR and NAT Regions and ICAO Cooperative Arrangements for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA)

6.8   The Meeting was provided with a briefing on the ICAO Cooperative Arrangements for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA) as well as the Crisis coordination arrangements and contingency plans in the EUR and NAT Regions. The following EURNAT-DGCA Conclusions were agreed:

EURNAT-DGCA Conclusion 2017/2 –   Support to CAPSCA EUR implementation and other activities as deemed necessary

That the EURNAT-DGCA:

a)   commit to support the CAPSCA EUR related activities by allocating necessary resources in order to improve coordinated responses to address health events with the potential to impact the international civil aviation system; and

b)   invite those States not yet members to join the CAPSCA EUR Project and actively participate in its activities.

EURNAT-DGCA Conclusion 2017/3 –   Support to crisis exercises/arrangements

That EURNAT-DGCA:

a)   commit to support crisis-related activities by allocating necessary resources required in the work of EANPG, NAT SPG and RASG-EUR and their contributory bodies;

b)   invite the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic, on the behalf of the EURNAT-DGCA to remind States, relevant international organizations and operators of the need to continue supporting crisis related preparation activities (e.g. volcanic ash and nuclear emergency exercises) by providing the necessary human and financial resources to plan, conduct and evaluate these exercises.

Aviation Security and Facilitation

6.9   The Meeting was provided with a briefing on the work programme on the EUR/NAT AVSEC/FAL for 2017-2019. The following EURNAT-DGCA Conclusion was agreed:

EURNAT-DGCA Statement 2017/3 –   EUR/NAT AVSEC/FAL Work Programme 2017-2019

That, to ensure a harmonized approach to Aviation Security and Facilitation (AVSEC/FAL) in all States in the EUR and NAT Regions, the EURNAT-DGCA:

a)   endorse the EUR/NAT AVSEC/FAL Work Programme 2017 -2019; and

b)   commit to support it with the necessary resources for its implementation through established mechanisms such as: ENAVSECG, regional workshops, meetings, training and capacity building activities, conducted in the framework of the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions and ICAO Assembly Resolutions to ensure a global harmonised approach to AVSEC/FAL and leave no country behind.

Environmental Protection

6.10   The Meeting was presented with the work being done in the EUR/NAT Regions on ICAO's Environmental Capacity Building Programme. The following EURNAT-DGCA Conclusion was agreed:

EURNAT-DGCA Conclusion 2017/5 –   Environmental Capacity Building Programme

That, in order to address the identified concerns related to environmental protection and to support the implementation of 39th Assembly Resolutions, the EURNAT-DGCA, invite States and airspace users, under the leadearship of ICAO, to:

a)   commit to include environmental issues in the planning and implementation activities related to the improvement of the civil aviation system;

b)   develop or update their quantified States' Action Plans on CO_2 Emissions Reduction Activities in accordance with the provisions in the Guidance on the Development of States' Action Plans on CO_2 Emissions Reduction Activities (ICAO Doc 9988), noting sub-regional initiatives, and submit them to ICAO by end of June 2018;

c)   use the ICAO environment tools, or any other tool which is compliant with the CAEP models and methodologies, to estimate the emissions reductions from the implementation of the mitigation measures as part of the development of States' action plans;

d)   make use of further assistance provided by ICAO in the preparation and submission of States' action plans, if required;

e)   participate in the ICAO Buddy Programme (a State that had developed its action plan providing support to another State yet to develop its plan);

f)   share their best practices and, taking into account the commercially sensitive information, consider making available to the public their submitted action plans; and

g)   voluntarily participate in the pilot phase and the first phase of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).

6.11   The meeting noted the Declaration of DGCA of EU Member States and other ECAC member States regarding the adherence to CORSIA (Bratislava Declaration).

NCLB/Technical Assistance/Technical Cooperation

6.12   Following a presentation on the ICAO No-Country-Left-Behind (NCLB)-EUR/NAT Regional Capacity Building Technical Assistance Programme (EUR/NAT CBP-TA), the following Statement was agreed:

EURNAT-DGCA Statement 2017/4 –   NCLB-EUR/NAT Regional Capacity Building Technical Assistance Programme (EUR/NAT CBP-TA)

That the EURNAT-DGCA:

a)   endorse the development and implementation of the EUR/NAT Capacity Building Technical Assistance Programme (EUR/NAT CBP-TA), under the NCLB framework;

b)   commit to support the EUR/NAT CBP-TA and urge States, international organizations and industry to contribute with necessary resources for its implementation through the established ICAO mechanisms; and

c)   commit to coordinate with ICAO, and specifically with the EUR/NAT Office, their assistance requests/support and implementation activities.

Presentations: Exchange of experience by Azerbaijan and Technical Assistance Projects by Kyrgyzstan

6.13   The meeting noted the information provided by Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan and witnessed the signature of the ICAO EUR/NAT-Kyrgyzstan Memorandum.

7.   Priorities for the ICAO EUR/NAT Region

Confirmation of support of EUR/NAT Work Programme 2017-2019

7.1   The EURNAT-DGCA/2017 agreed on the priorities identified for the ICAO EUR/NAT Region and confirmed their support of the EUR/NAT Work Programme 2017-2019.

7.2   In this respect, cyber security was underlined as an important priority for the EUR/NAT Regions that should be addressed under the leadership of ICAO in order to ensure a globally harmonized implementation of mitigation actions.

7.3   The Director General of EUROCONTROL expressed his commitment to take part in this particular activity in order to ensure that data that had been collected in this area be shared at the international level.

7.4   The Meeting agreed that the EUR/NAT Regional Office played a key role and takes the lead in coordinating between regional organisations and ICAO Headquarters.

Future European Aviation Systems Planning Group

7.5   The EURNAT-DGCA/2017 was provided with a comprehensive presentation of the work undertaken to combine the activities of the EANPG with the RASG-EUR in an effort to streamline the working structure in the European Region. The presentation outlined the evolution of current working methods towards a unique aviation systems planning group for the European Region. The following Conclusion was agreed:

EURNAT-DGCA Conclusion 2017/6 -   New EUR Working Structure

>   That the EURNAT-DGCA, in support of the way forward agreed by RASG-EUR and EANPG, to streamline the working structure in the European Region:
>
>   a)   invite EANPG and RASG-EUR to continue coordination to advance the establishment of the European Aviation Systems Planning Group (EASPG);
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>   b)   based on the outcome of the first combined back-to-back EANPG/59 and RASG-EUR/06 meetings in the autumn of 2017, address the ICAO Council through the ICAO Secretariat on the proposal; and
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>   c)   report progress to the next EURNAT-DGCA meeting.

Agreed EURNAT-DGCA/2017 Conclusions/Statements and Decisions

7.6   The full list of EURNAT-DGCA/2017 Conclusions, Statements and Decisions are attached at **Appendix E**.

8.   Future meetings and Administrative Issues

Approval of the EURNAT-DGCA Handbook

8.1   In order to establish agreed administrative and managerial aspects of the convening future EURNAT-DGCA meetings, the EURNAT-DGCA Handbook, 1st Edition, v1.0 - May 2017, as presented at **Appendix D** was reviewed and approved. The following Decision was agreed:

EURNAT-DGCA Decision 2017/1 –   EURNAT-DGCA Handbook, 1st Ed, v1.0

>   That:
>
>   a)   the EURNAT-DGCA Handbook, 1st Edition, v1.0 - May 2017, as presented at **Appendix D** of this Summary of Discussions, be approved; and
>
>   b)   the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic, take appropriate action to publish and promulgate the EURNAT-DGCA Handbook.

Next meetings

8.2   The EURNAT-DGCA/2017 agreed that the next meeting would be held tentatively in the 2018-2019 time period in order to build the work programme for the next triennium.

9.   Any other business

9.1   There were no issues raised during this Agenda Item.

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Appendix E—Conclusions, Statements and Decision of the EURNAT-DGCA/2017

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APPENDIX B — MEETING DOCUMENTATION

(paragraph 2.4 refers)

WP/IP/ PPT/FL	AI	Title	Presented by
WP01 Rev. 1	2	Provisional Agenda	Secretariat
WP02	6	EURNAT-DGCA Handbook - Guidance on the Conduct of Meetings	Secretariat
WP03	5.1	Overview of ICAO Business Plan 2017-2019 and EUR/NAT Operating Plan	Secretariat
WP04	5.2 i) a) & c)	EUR/NAT Air Navigation Implementation and Safety	Secretariat
WP05	5.2 i) b)	EUR/NAT Aviation Safety Status and Issues	Secretariat
WP06	5.2 ii)	Aviation Security and Facilitation	Secretariat
WP07	5.2 iii)	Assembly Resolutions A39-1, A39-2 and A39-3 on Environmental Protection	Secretariat
WP08	5.2 iv)	No Country Left Behind (NCLB)-EUR/NAT Technical Assistance Programme	Secretariat
WP09	5.2 i)	Baltic Sea Project Team (BSPT)	Finland
WP10 EN/RU	5	Exchange of experience between the office of Civil Aviation of ICAO Member States	Azerbaijan
WP11	5.3	Proposed future working arrangements in the ICAO EUR Region	Secretariat
IP01 **Revised**	-	Work Schedule	Secretariat
IP02	-	Meeting Documentation	Secretariat
IP03	5.2 iv)	Technical Assistance Activities for Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan
PP01	3	Overview of ICAO EUR/NAT Office	Secretariat
PP02	4	Update on ICAO developments	Secretariat
PP03	5.1	Overview of ICAO Business Plan 2017-2019 and EUR/NAT Operating Plan	Secretariat
PP04	5.2 i) a) & c)	EUR/NAT Air Navigation implementation and safety Status and Issues	Secretariat
PP05	5.2 i) b)	EUR/NAT Aviation Safety Status and Issues	Secretariat
PP06	5.2 ii)	Aviation Security and Facilitation	Secretariat
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PP08	5.2 iv)	NCLB/Technical Assistance/Technical Cooperation	Secretariat
PP09	5.3 i)	Priorities for the ICAO EUR/NAT Region - Confirmation of support of EUR/NAT Work Programme 2017-2019	Secretariat
PP10	5.3 ii)	Priorities for the ICAO EUR/NAT Region - Future European Aviation Systems Planning Group	Secretariat

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APPENDIX C — WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL, DR. FANG LIU

(paragraph 1.2 refers)

Good morning everyone.

1.   It is my great pleasure to address this distinguished gathering of European and North Atlantic (EURNAT) Region Directors General of Civil Aviation today, and to express my appreciation to Director Almeida and his team for their initiative and foresight in organizing this inaugural meeting with you.

2.   I would also like to take a moment to express ICAO's gratitude to our host State of France, for its generous and longstanding support of our Paris Office.

3.   DGCA meetings of this nature provide us with an excellent opportunity to review and exchange information together on latest matters of interest in civil aviation, and to enhance the coordination of our related activities in order to realize pertinent efficiencies of scale while avoiding duplication of effort.

4.   They will also provide you with an invaluable occasion to assess and guide the work of important Regional coordination, monitoring, and planning bodies such as:

     -      The European Air Navigation Planning Group (EANPG);

     -      The North Atlantic Systems Planning Group (NAT- SPG);

     -      The European Aviation Safety Group (RASG-EUR);

     -      And the EUR/NAT AVSEC Group (ENAVSECG).

5.   Another important aspect of these meetings is that they offer the chance for you to gain a clearer understanding of the roles and responsibilities of ICAO's EUR/NAT Regional Office, whether with respect to our ongoing No Country Left Behind assistance and capacity-building initiative, coordinating the harmonized EUR/NAT implementation of ICAO Assembly and Council Resolutions, or achieving the targets and objectives set out in ICAO's strategic Global Plans.

6.   In a just a moment Director Fonseca will be filling in some important details for you in this regard. I am also encouraged that this inaugural meeting will be seeking to reconfirm your respective commitments to the EUR/NAT 2017-2019 Work Programme, and to better adjust the current ICAO Regional Aviation Safety Group and Planning and Implementation Region Group models to better meet the needs of the unique EUR/NAT context.

7.   These, in addition to the further development of the EUR/NAT Regional Capacity Building Programme supporting our No Country Left Behind objectives, are key priorities for your Region at the moment.

8.   No Country Left Behind is of course central to ICAO's mission and role today. It's emphasis on ensuring that all States and Regions can optimize the significant socio-economic benefits of global air transport connectivity touches upon our related efforts to:

     -      Foster investment and other strategic partnerships under our World Aviation Forums;

     -      Provide practical leadership and targets through our ICAO Global Plans.

- And to foster greater awareness and political will on the important need to align aviation development and national development planning in the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development era, including with respect to air transport infrastructure development.

9.   No Country Left Behind is an especially important initiative here in the EUR/NAT Region, where we seek to manage and harmonize the needs of many ICAO Member States characterized by significantly varying degrees of civil aviation capability.

10.   There are no fewer than nine Technical Assistance projects ongoing at present under our EURNAT Office's leadership, focused not only on issues identified under our Safety and Security oversight audits, but also relating to the efficiency and environmental aspects of these States' operations.

11.   Arranging these projects is resource-intensive, and all of ICAO's Regional Offices have been going above and beyond to arrange the necessary partnerships and ensure these projects deliver on their intended results.

12.   This accountability is fundamental to our shared successes with No Country Left Behind, and it is just one more aspect of the changing and more challenging environment we must all grow accustomed to as our sector continues to grow, while many public sector budgets and resource pools continue to shrink.

13.   Then again, adapting to these types of changes is also nothing new for us in aviation, given how dynamic our sector has been throughout its history. Your coming discussions on the EUR/NAT RASG and PIRG restructurings are yet another reflection of this trend, and of our need to continuously embrace change and steer it toward positive benefits for your States and our sector.

14.   With our current civil aviation environment so characterized as it is today by leading-edge issues concerning cybersecurity threats, aircraft tracking and satellite-based surveillance, the increasing proliferation of new unmanned aircraft technologies and space-based operations, I think we can all agree that our collaborative future will not be wonting for further technological and institutional changes.

15.   This highlights for us the importance of your continued support for the implementation of the harmonized global standards and targets reflected in the ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan, Global Air Navigation Plan, and our soon-to-be finalized Global Aviation Security Plan.

16.   The EUR/NAT region has a distinctive history of leading on positive changes for air transport, whether in terms of more efficient longitudinal and lateral separation minima, data link implementation, civil military cooperation, and many other innovations.

17.   We'll be looking forward for much of the same in the months and years ahead as you continue to demonstrate this leadership, as well as for your help in generating the political will in your States for the investments and commitments our success will require, and to identify new areas for synergy and inter-regional co-ordination which can deliver us important shared benefits.

18.   ICAO will also be grateful for your continued support and assistance with some of the key priorities we're pursuing together in Europe today, including implementation of State Safety Programs and Safety Management Systems for Service providers; safety enhancement initiatives to further reduce accidents, with focus on runway safety (RS) related and loss-of-control in flight (LOC-I)

19.   We face more emerging safety and security cross-cutting challenges like Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), , flights over conflict zones and cybersecurityto just name a few. These challenges need a global understanding and leadership and a coordinated regional implementation of measures to keep aviation safe.

20.   ICAO and the EUR/NAT office will need your support to continuously improve aviation security in the whole EUR/NAT regions to achieve a secure civil aviation system encompassing all 56 States and connecting with the rest of the world. This applies for "classical" AVSEC topics such as e.g. airport security or cargo security, as well as for new and sustainable approaches to addressing landside security coordination and response, or the shared need to ensure an effective and coordinated balance with respect to security restrictions and established safety best practices, for instance as these relate to personal electronic devices and the carriage of lithium batteries.

21.   Before concluding today, I'd also like to report to you that ICAO is presently finalizing new agreements with China which relate to its 'One Belt One Road' trade initiative, and which should help to foster a greater role for air transport as related trade and capacity-building projects begin to take hold.

22.   This is a very exciting time for air transport, here in the EUR/NAT Region and all over the world, and the inputs and partnership of Directors General of Civil Aviation such as those of you here with us today will only be of growing importance as we seek to meet our new challenges, together.

23.   Thank you for this partnership, and I wish you all a very productive inaugural EUR/NAT DGCA.

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APPENDIX D   —   EURNAT-DGCA HANDBOOK, 1ST EDITION, V1.0 - MAY 2017

(paragraph 8.1 refers)

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APPENDIX E — CONCLUSIONS, STATEMENTS AND DECISION OF THE EURNAT-DGCA/2017

(paragraph 7.6 refers)

Reference	Title	Description

Conclusion 2017/1	ICAO EUR list of air navigation deficiencies	That EURNAT-DGCA:
		a) confirm the need to address, as a matter of priority, the air navigation deficiencies identified by EANPG;
		b) urge States to allocate necessary resources to resolve the identified deficiencies by developing and implementing immediate corrective actions and plans;
		c) for similar air navigation deficiencies affecting several States:
		   i. invite States concerned to work in close cooperation with the EUR/NAT Office of ICAO and other partners to develop, within the framework of the ICAO EUR/NAT NCLB programme, a prioritised action plan to address them; and
		   ii. invite States to share their best practices in order to support other States in the EUR Region in the resolution of identified air navigation deficiencies; and
		d) report progress to the next EURNAT-DGCA meeting.

Conclusion 2017/2	Support to CAPSCA EUR implementation and other activities as deemed necessary	That the EURNAT-DGCA: a) commit to support the CAPSCA EUR related activities by allocating necessary resources in order to improve coordinated responses to address health events with the potential to impact the international civil aviation system; and b) invite those States not yet members to join the CAPSCA EUR Project and actively participate in its activities.
Conclusion 2017/3	Support to crisis exercises/arrangements	That EURNAT-DGCA: a) commit to support crisis-related activities by allocating necessary resources required in the work of EANPG, NAT SPG and RASG-EUR and their contributory bodies; b) invite the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic, on the behalf of the EURNAT-DGCA to remind States, relevant international organizations and operators of the need to continue supporting crisis related preparation activities (e.g. volcanic ash and nuclear emergency exercises) by providing the necessary human and financial resources to plan, conduct and evaluate these exercises.
Conclusion 2017/4	Data provision to Regional Monitoring Agencies	That, in order to enable a reliable analysis of the level of safety of operations in the ICAO European Region, the EURNAT-DGCA ensure that their States provide data related to vertical separation to the Regional Monitoring Agencies (EUR RMA and EURASIA RMA).

Reference	Title	Description
Conclusion 2017/5	Environmental Capacity Building Programme	That, in order to address the identified concerns related to environmental protection and to support the implementation of 39th Assembly Resolutions, the EURNAT-DGCA, invite States and airspace users, under the leadearship of ICAO, to: a) commit to include environmental issues in the planning and implementation activities related to the improvement of the civil aviation system; b) develop or update their quantified States' Action Plans on CO2 Emissions Reduction Activities in accordance with the provisions in the Guidance on the Development of States' Action Plans on CO2 Emissions Reduction Activities (ICAO Doc 9988), noting sub-regional initiatives, and submit them to ICAO by end of June 2018; c) use the ICAO environment tools, or any other tool which is compliant with the CAEP models and methodologies, to estimate the emissions reductions from the implementation of the mitigation measures as part of the development of States' action plans; d) make use of further assistance provided by ICAO in the preparation and submission of States' action plans, if required; e) participate in the ICAO Buddy Programme (a State that had developed its action plan providing support to another State yet to develop its plan); f) share their best practices and, taking into account the commercially sensitive information, consider making available to the public their submitted action plans; and g) voluntarily participate in the pilot phase and the first phase of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).
Conclusion 2017/6	New EUR Working Structure	That the EURNAT-DGCA, in support of the way forward agreed by RASG-EUR and EANPG, to streamline the working structure in the European Region: a) invite EANPG and RASG-EUR to continue coordination to advance the establishment of the European Aviation Systems Planning Group (EASPG); b) based on the outcome of the first combined back-to-back EANPG/59 and RASG-EUR/06 meetings in the autumn of 2017, address the ICAO Council through the ICAO Secretariat on the proposal; and c) report progress to the next EURNAT-DGCA meeting.
Statement 2017/1	Implementation of the ICAO EUR Region Performance Framework	That in order to ensure comprehensive and mature regional performance reports, the EURNAT-DGCA commit to allocating the necessary resources required to actively participate in the regional performance framework and provide the necessary data in accordance with the EUR Region Performance Framework Document (EUR Doc 030) provisions.

Reference	Title	Description
Statement 2017/2	Support of the RASG-EUR activities	That the EURNAT-DGCA: a) confirm the priority safety areas identified by RASG-EUR; b) commit to supporting safety-related activities by allocating necessary resources required in the work of RASG-EUR and its contributory bodies; c) commit to supporting the implementation of RASG-EUR safety enhancement initiatives (SEI), as required, at the national level; and d) agree to sharing their best practices in order to support other States in the EUR Region in the implementation of GASP and RASG-EUR priorities and objectives.
Statement 2017/3	EUR/NAT AVSEC/FAL Work Programme 2017-2019	That, to ensure a harmonized approach to Aviation Security and Facilitation (AVSEC/FAL) in all States in the EUR and NAT Regions, the EURNAT-DGCA: a) endorse the EUR/NAT AVSEC/FAL Work Programme 2017 -2019; and b) commit to support it with the necessary resources for its implementation through established mechanisms such as: ENAVSECG, regional workshops, meetings, training and capacity building activities, conducted in the framework of the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions and ICAO Assembly Resolutions to ensure a global harmonised approach to AVSEC/FAL and leave no country behind.
Statement 2017/4	NCLB-EUR/NAT Regional Capacity Building Technical Assistance Programme (EUR/NAT CBP-TA)	That the EURNAT-DGCA: a) endorse the development and implementation of the EUR/NAT Capacity Building Technical Assistance Programme (EUR/NAT CBP-TA), under the NCLB framework; b) commit to support the EUR/NAT CBP-TA and urge States, international organizations and industry to contribute with necessary resources for its implementation through the established ICAO mechanisms; and c) commit to coordinate with ICAO, and specifically with the EUR/NAT Office, their assistance requests/support and implementation activities.
Decision 2017/1	EURNAT-DGCA Handbook, 1st Ed, v1.0	That: a) the EURNAT-DGCA Handbook, 1st Edition, v1.0 - May 2017, as presented at Appendix D to this Summary of Discussions, be approved; and b) the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic, take appropriate action to publish and promulgate the EURNAT-DGCA Handbook.

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